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Many of my friends are getting married lately. It's too bad I'm too busy to attend their weddings... I do so enjoy receptions.

—*Masashi Kishimoto, 2007*

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

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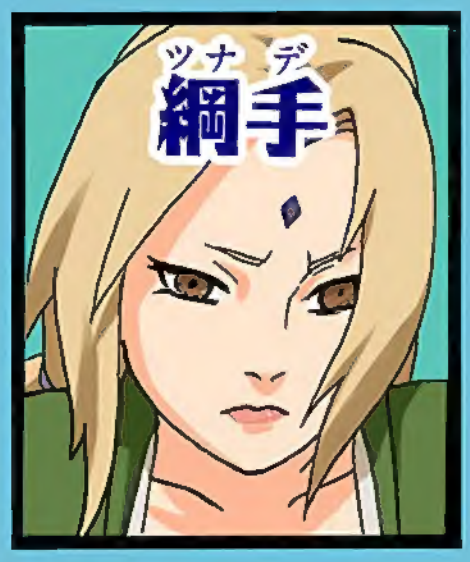

Naruto was once the bane of the Konohagakure Ninja Academy. Nevertheless, alongside his friends Sasuke and Sakura, he successfully joins the ranks of the ninja.

During the Chûnin Journeyman Ninja Selection Exam, Orochimaru launches *Operation Destroy Konoha.* Lord Hokage sacrifices his life to halt the attack; in the aftermath, Tsunade steps up to become the Fifth Hokage. Meanwhile, charmed by the power of Orochimaru, Sasuke defeats Naruto and departs Konoha; struggle as he will, Naruto can do nothing to stop him.

More than two years pass. Naruto and his friends undergo rigorous training. Yet when they finally catch up with Sasuke, his power overwhelms them.

Determined to best Sasuke, Naruto returns for another round of intense training. Meanwhile, Shikamaru and the others violently clash with the Akatsuki group. Though the scene looks grim, Naruto arrives just in time to deliver his lethal attack…

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WIND STYLE! RASEN-SHURI-KEN!

HERE WE GO!

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YOU'LL JUST GET CAUGHT UP IN IT!

NO! STEER CLEAR OF NARUTO!

I'M COMIN' IN!

SO THIS IS THE POWER OF THE NINE TAILS' JINCHÛRIKI.

THE JUTSU CERTAINLY BEFITS THE BEAST.

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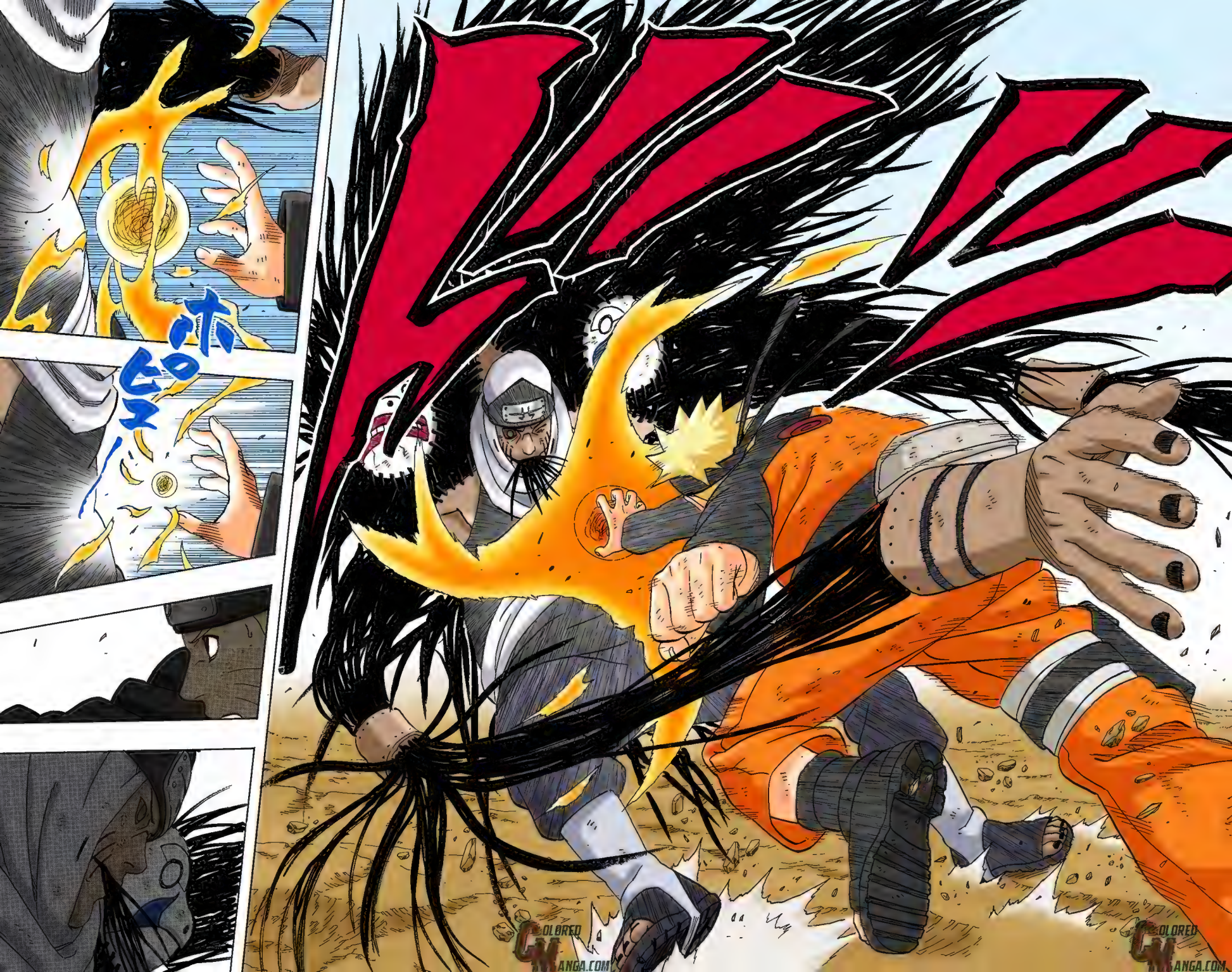
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NO, IT FELL SHORT ...

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HM?

HUH ...?

DID HE WIN?

RIGHT!

ALWAYS A BUNDLE OF SURPRISES, THAT BOY... ALL RIGHT.

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YEEG!

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YOUR HEART BELONGS TO ME.

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YOU'RE STILL THE SAME OLD NARUTO AFTER ALL.

YOU SEEMED DIFFERENT, NARUTO. BUT I GUESS...

...

OH MAN!!

HMM ...

HEY! IT'S AWESOME WHEN IT HITS, OKAY?!

DO YOU REALLY NEED TO RUN UP AND SMACK HIM HEAD-ON?

WHEN YOU SAID ***RASEN-SHURIKEN***, I FIGURED YOU'D BOOM-ERANG IT.

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...

THUS THE NEED FOR A DIVERSION. THUS ALL THE SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS.

YEAH, THE NAME IS MISLEADING. RASEN-SHURIKEN ONLY REALLY WORKS AS A MELEE ATTACK.

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NOT THIS GUY...

THEN WE'RE STUCK. WE CAN'T HIT HIM THAT FAST.

THIS NEW JUTSU BURNS TOO QUICKLY.

IT LASTS ONLY A FEW SECONDS.

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SO, AVOID CLOSE(せっきん) COMBAT AND KEEP MY EYE ON THE REAL BODY, OKAY, SIMPLE ENOUGH. (ほんたいさえ ないかぎり ルに いれば)

LOOKS LIKE HIS JUTSU IS USELESS... SO LONG AS I KEEP MY DISTANCE.

LEMME TRY THIS AGAIN.

NOW THAT I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.

...

YEAH, THAT'S NO GOOD. NOW HE KNOWS WHAT TO EXPECT.

LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER ON THIS.

REMEMBER, HE'S ***AKATSUKI.***

IF YOU REPEAT YOUR MOVE, HE'LL JUST DODGE IT!

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HMM... WHAT NOW? こう来る

WE DON'T NEED TO CROSS SHAKY BRIDGES.

THAT'S TRUE...

RIGHT NOW, WE'RE FIVE AGAINST ONE.

MASTER KAKASHI.

?

?

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU TOLD ME DURING TRAINING?

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YOU SAID I'M THE ONLY SHINOBI WHO WILL SURPASS THE FOURTH HOKAGE.

AND YOU MEANT WHAT YOU SAID.

IF I DON'T WORK MY WAY TO THE OTHER SIDE, I'LL JUST BE A KID FOREVER.

BUT RIGHT NOW THIS IS A BRIDGE I NEED TO CROSS ALONE, NO MATTER HOW DANGEROUS IT IS.

LOOK, I KNOW TEAMWORK IS IMPORTANT.

I DO.

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DON'T TAKE AWAY MY CHANCE TO PROVE WHAT I CAN DO!

WELL... I'VE YET TO SEE...

HM... WHAT DO YOU SAY, YAMATO?

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THERE WE ARE, THEN.

HOW MUCH NARUTO HAS CHANGED.

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ALL RIGHT!

GO ON, NARUTO

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変! I'D BETTER SHIFT TO A LONG RANGE STYLE... なにを!

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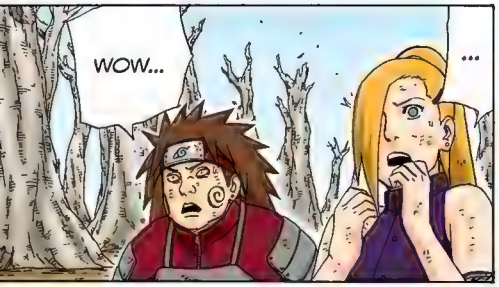
WOW...
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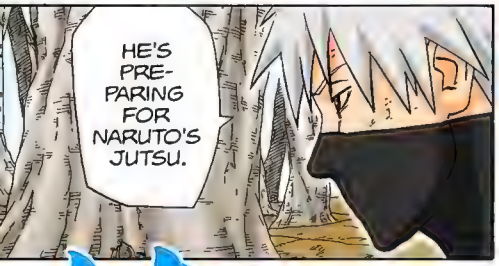
HE DIDN'T JUST TRANS-FORM... THAT'S A LOT OF CHAKRA.


HE'S PRE-PARING FOR NARUTO'S JUTSU.

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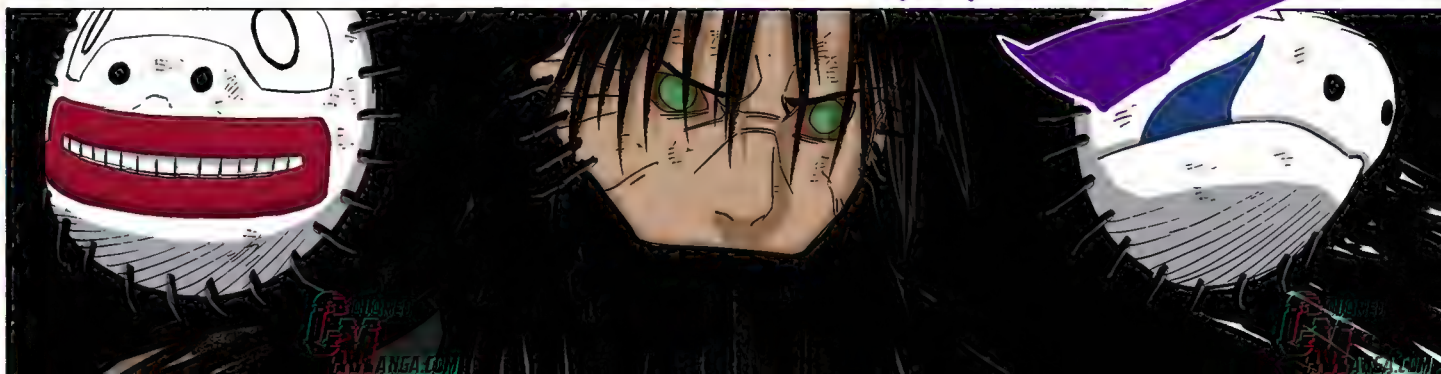

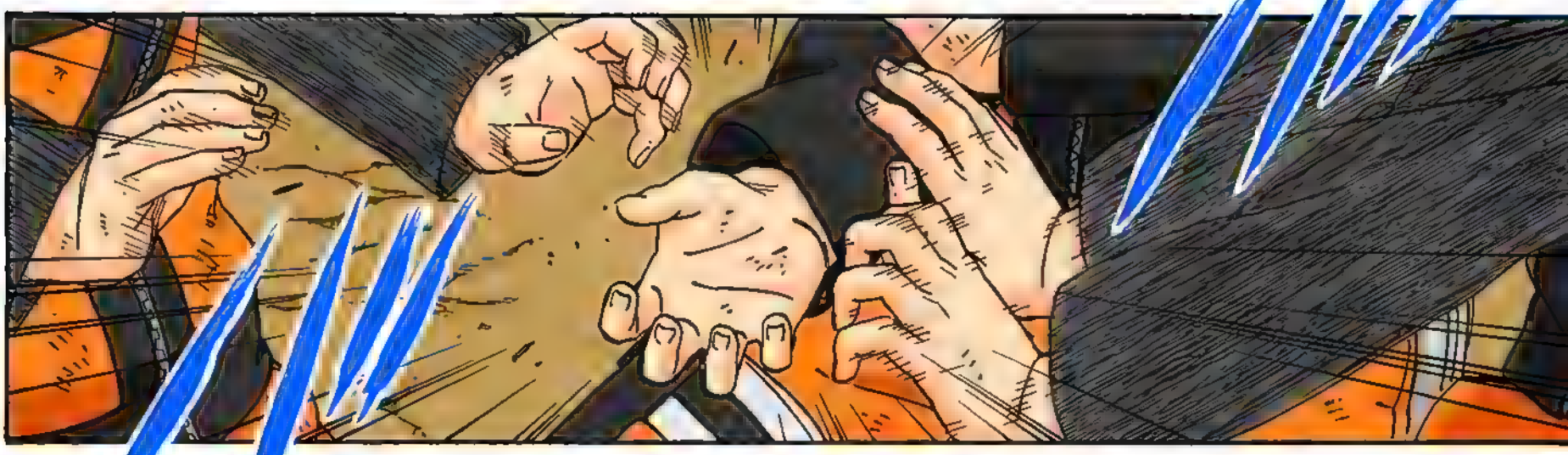

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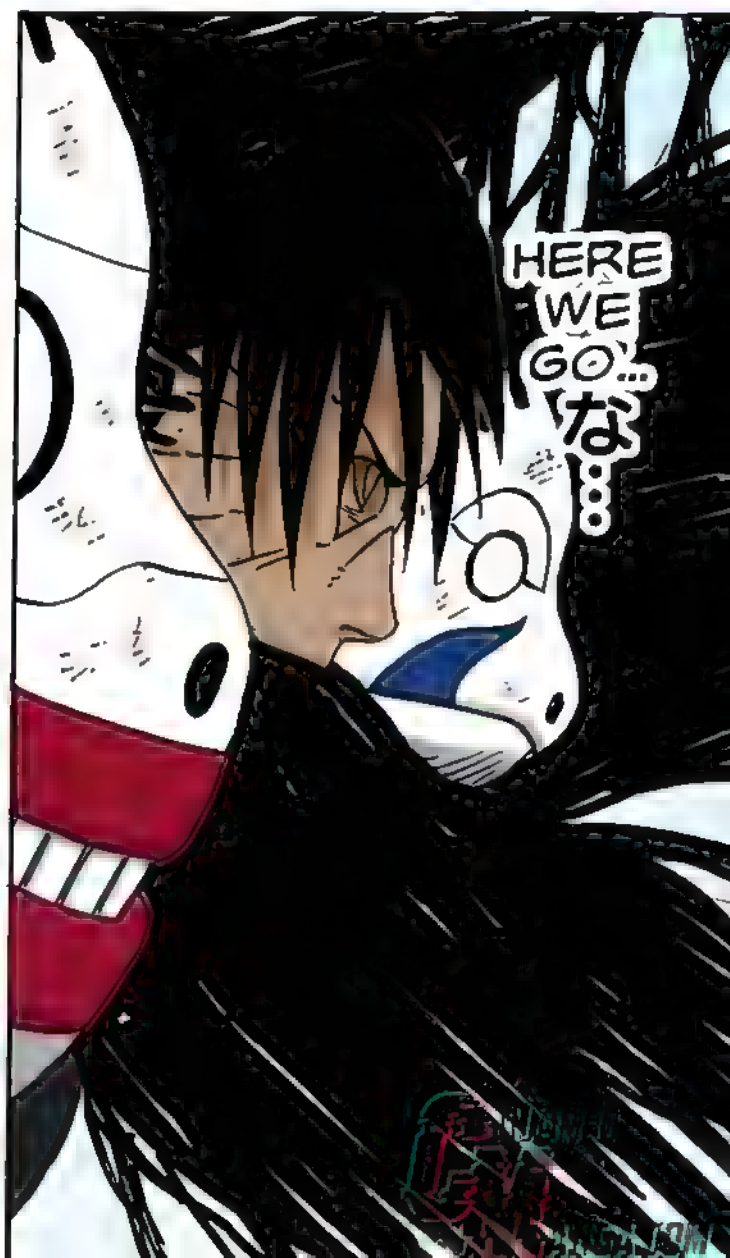
HERE WE GO...な...

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ME!

OKAY,
NOW!

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WHAT A JUMP!

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AIM FOR THE HEAD, AND THE REST COMES DOWN.

IGNORE THE DOPPEL-GANGERS. THEY'RE JUST A DISTRAC-TION.

ONCE I DIFFUSE HIS JUTSU, I'M HOME FREE.

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HE'S READY, JUST LIKE I SAID!

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JUST A DOPPEL-GANGER? 分身(ぶんしん)だと!?

WHAT?

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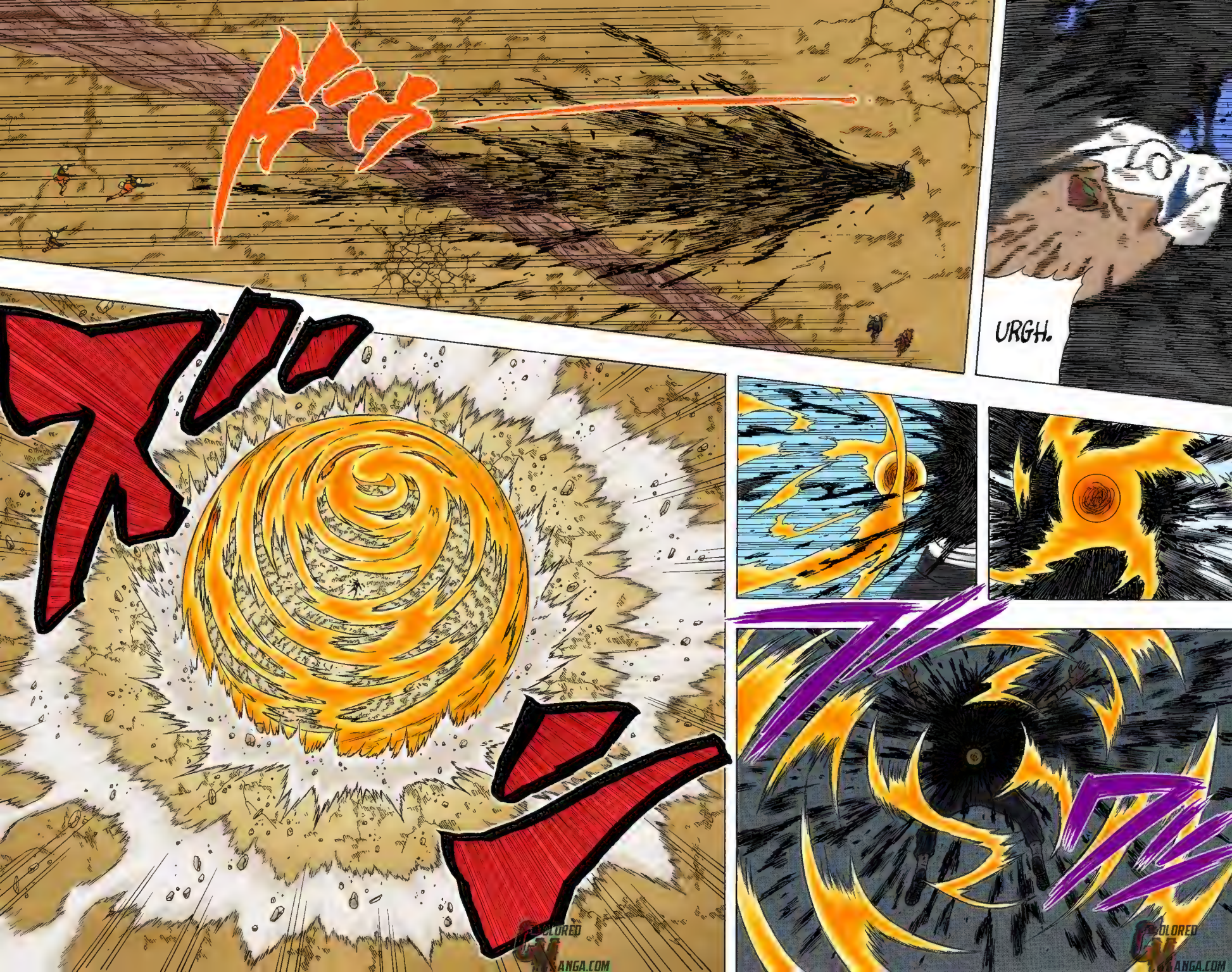
HE WAS IN THE CROWD!

GOTCHA!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NGAAH!!

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EVEN WITH MY SHARIGAN, I COULDN'T FOLLOW IT ALL.

THE NUMBER OF ATTACKS IS ALMOST INFINITE...

MAGNIFICENT JUTSU...

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I DID IT...

HEH. SWEET.

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THE BLACK KING...!!!

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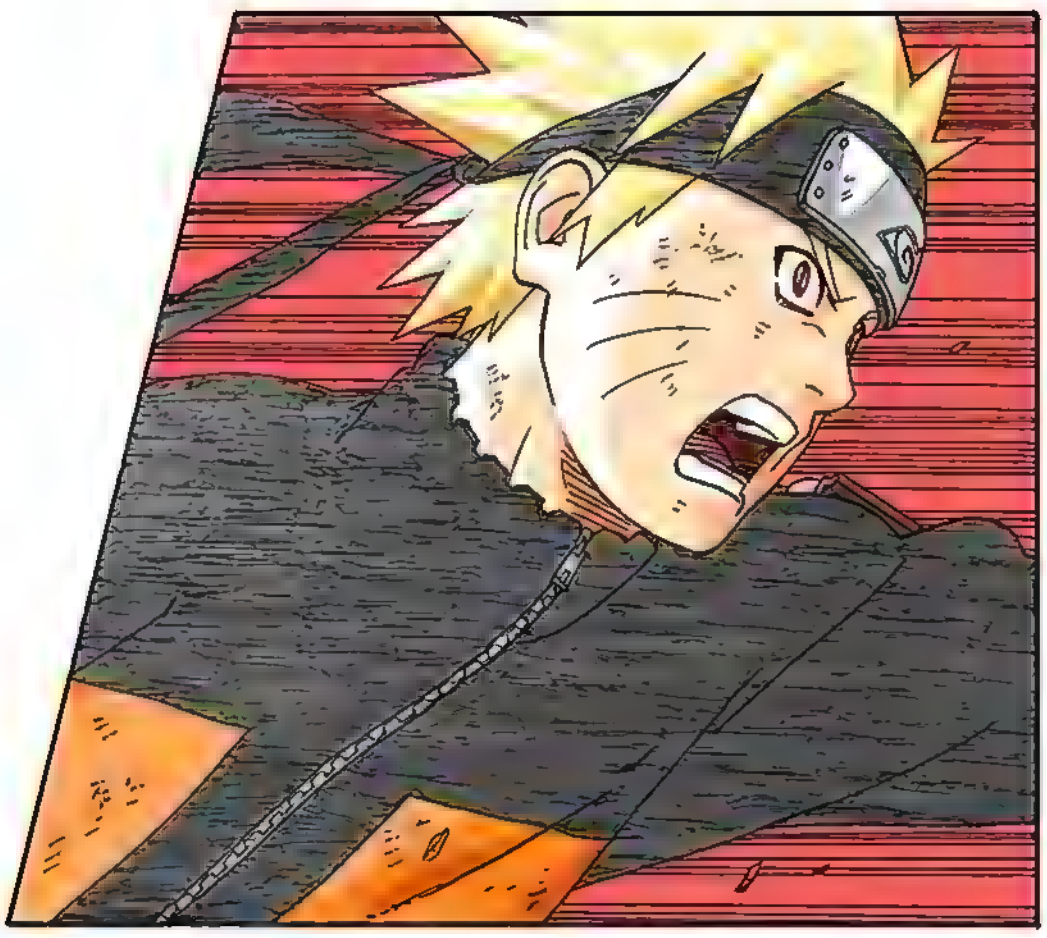

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FOUND YOU!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE THAT GOOD.

WHAT?! SHIKA-MARU...

YOU DIDN'T TAKE DOWN AN AKATSUKI ON YOUR OWN, DID YOU?

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REIN-FORCE MENTS ?

WELL, YOU'RE A BIT LATE.

I HAD TO. THIS TIME, I...I KNEW I JUST HAD TO.

SO HOW ARE THE OTHERS?

LET'S GO JOIN THEM.

NO IDEA. WE MADE A BEELINE HERE.

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OF COU-RSE.

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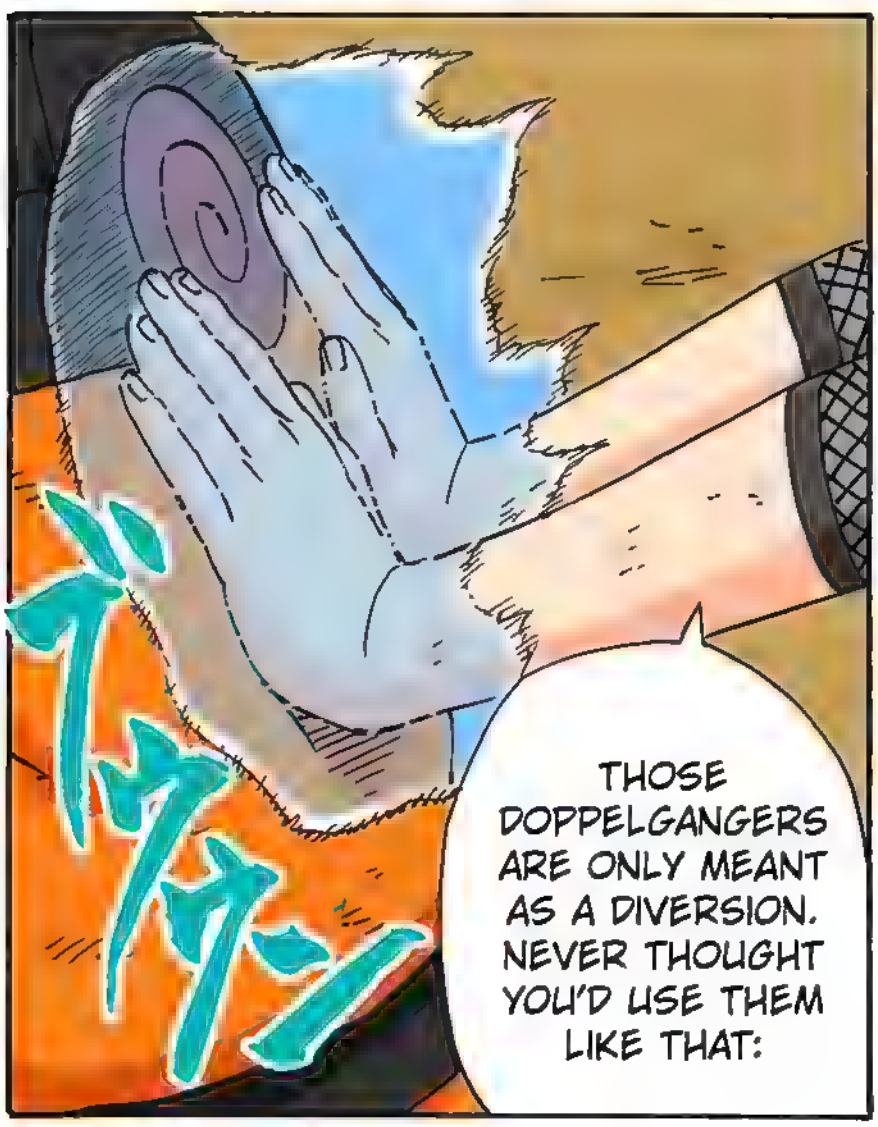

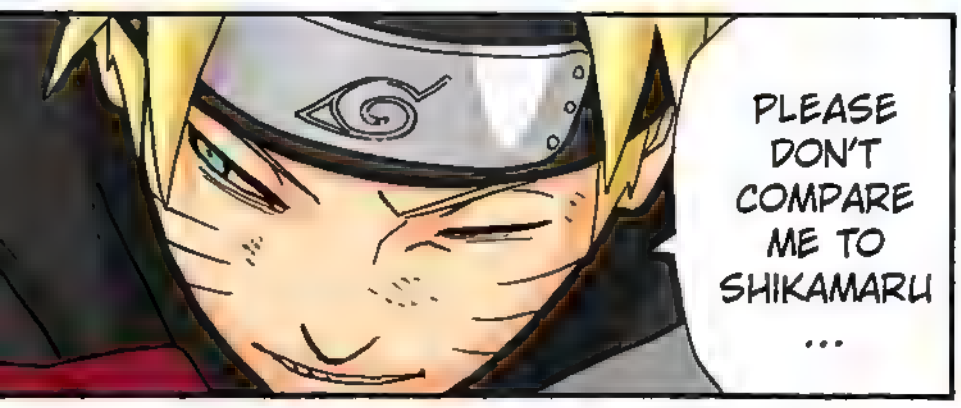

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JUTSU THAT WERE BEYOND EVEN THE FOURTH HOKAGE ARE WELL WITHIN HIS COMMAND.

NARUTO HAS BECOME STRONG. TRULY STRONG.

SUCH CONFIDENCE... AND THE WIT TO TURN FAILURE ON ITS HEAD AND QUICKLY PLAN HIS NEXT MOVE.

CAN YOU SENSE IT?

...

HE HAS SURPASSED ME.

I GUESS IT'S TIME TO PASS THE TORCH...

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YOU MAKE HIM STRONG. YOU DO KNOW THAT...

YOU ARE ALWAYS BEFORE HIS EYES... INSPIRING HIM.

DON'T YOU, SASUKE?

YEAH.

MASTER KAKASHI! TIME TO MOVE?

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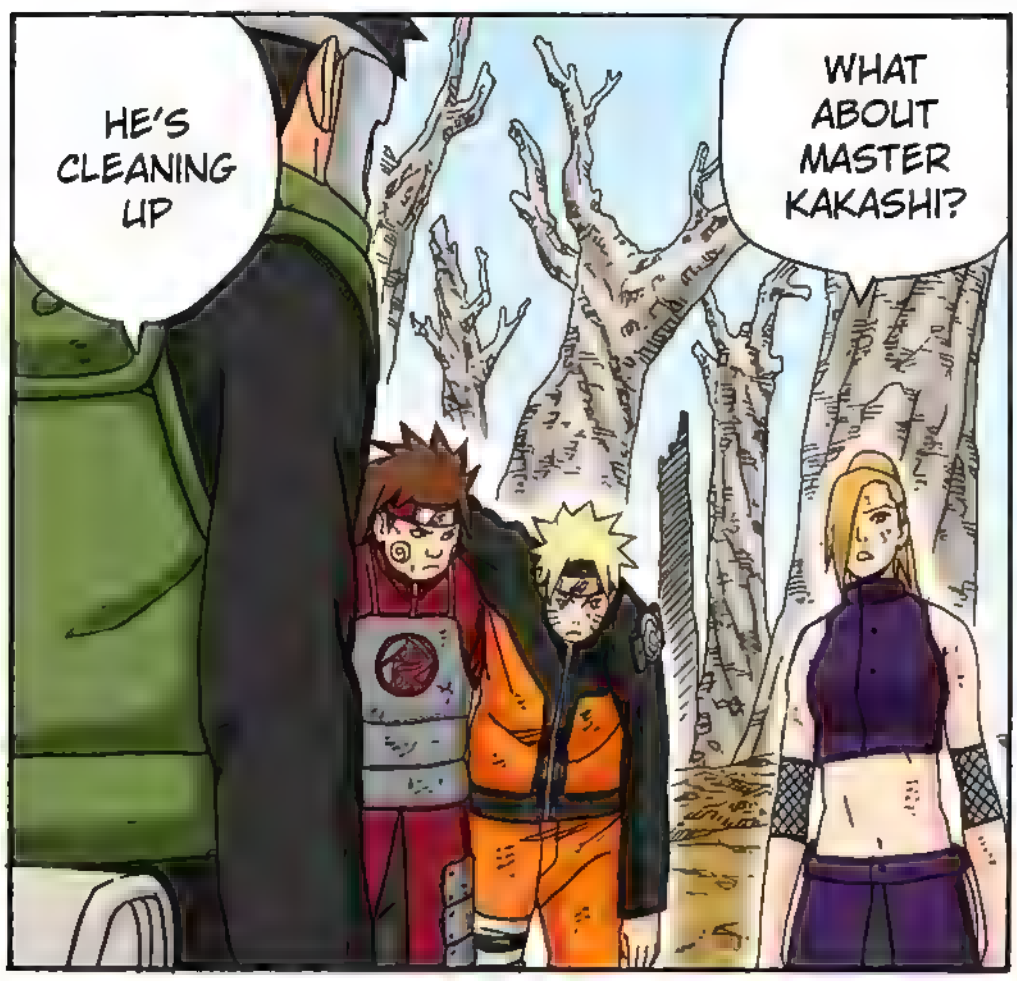

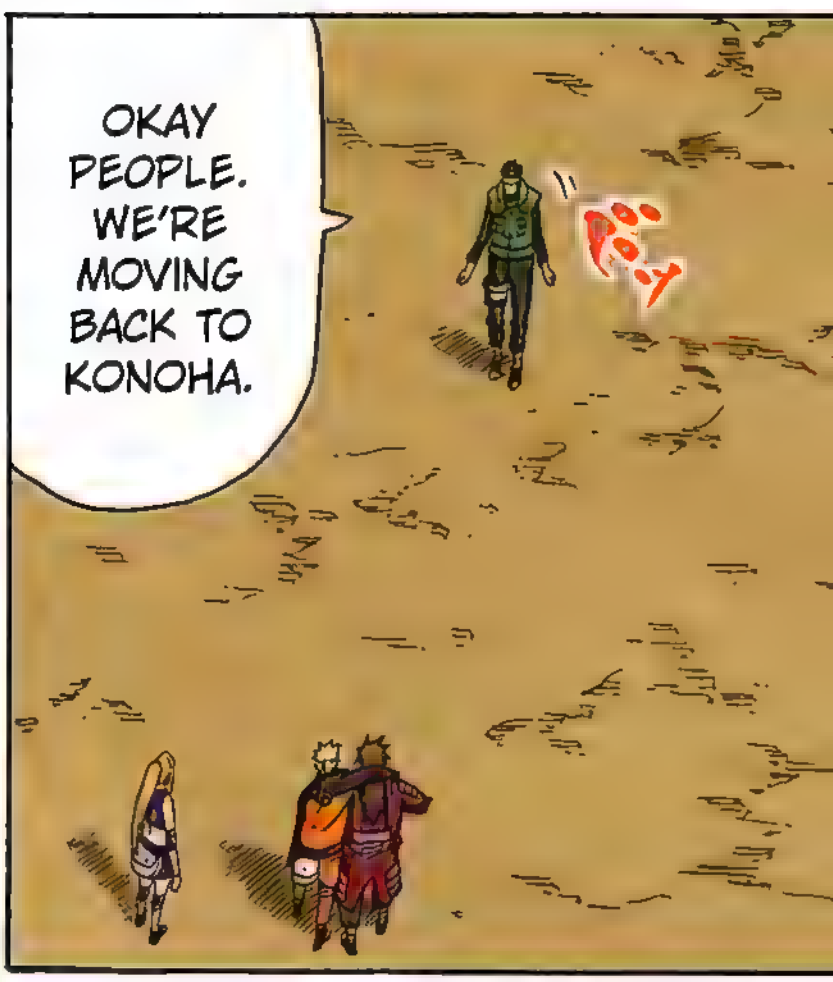

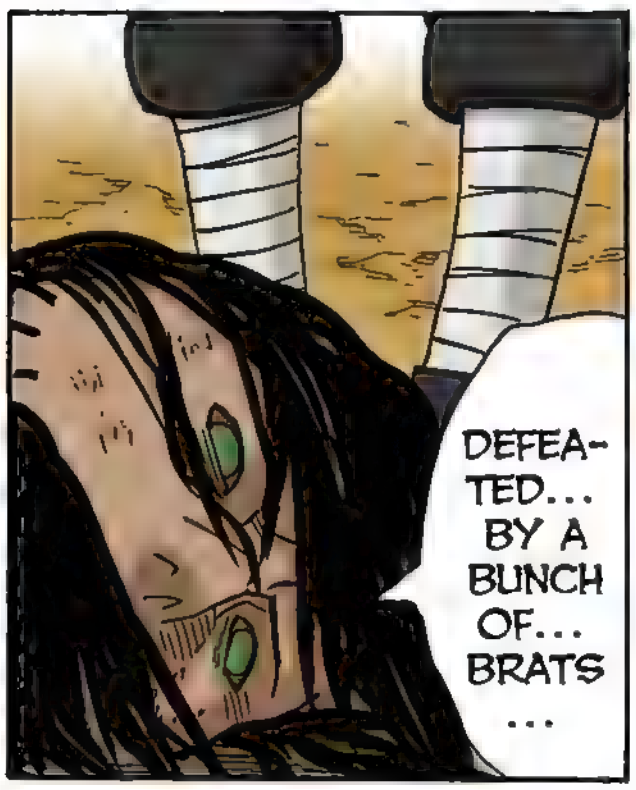

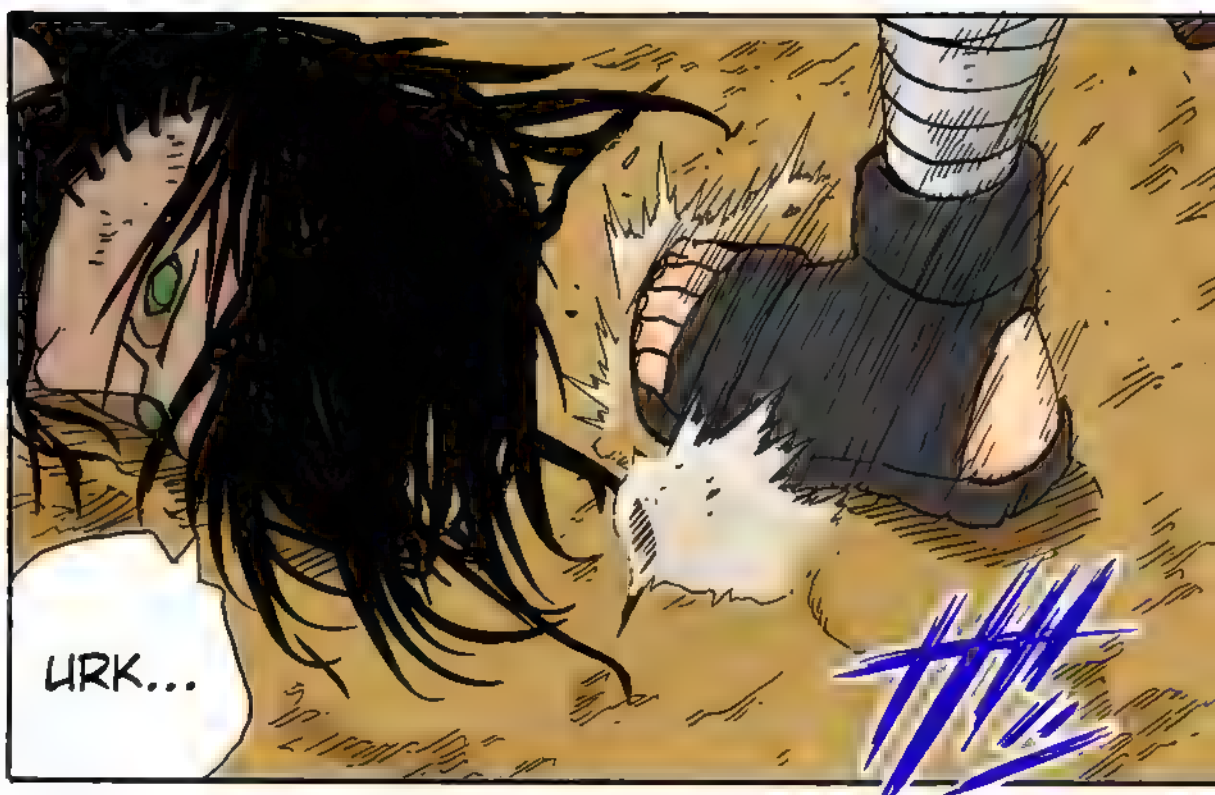

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BUT IT GOES TWO WAYS. TO OUR EYES, YOU'RE JUST AN OLD GEEZER GONE WRONG.

WELL... YOU DID FIGHT THE FIRST HOKAGE.

I GUESS I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR SEEING US AS KIDS.

AND HERE YOU ARE DYING, HUGGING THE EARTH LIKE A WORM.

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ONE BY ONE...

THE NEW GENERATION WILL CATCH UP TO YOU. AND THEY WILL ALL SURPASS YOU IN THE END.

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(FIRE)

WELL DONE, PEOPLE.

BUT ...

TEAM TWO, I GRANT YOU LEAVE.

NOT WHEN THERE ARE STILL MORE OF THE AKATSUKI AT LARGE.

BUT IT'S NOT TIME TO CELE-BRATE JUST YET...

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(SARUTOBI ASUMA)

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I SEE THEY'RE LETTING YOU OUT OF THE CAGE?

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YOU WERE ASUMA'S FAVORITE.

YOU MUST MISS HIM TOO...

YOU LOST YOUR SHOGI MATE...

IF I SAID I DIDN'T MISS HIM, I'D BE LYING.

I CAN'T DO THE SELF-PITY THING.

BUT I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE, AND I'M EXPECTED TO ACT MY AGE.

SHOGI WAS ONE OF THEM.

HE TAUGHT ME A BUNCH OF THINGS... SOME MORE IMPORTANT THAN OTHERS.

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SO ELUSIVE ... SO HARD TO FIGURE OUT.

HE WAS AN ODD TEACH-ER...

I MADE SO MANY MISTAKES BECAUSE OF IT.

AND EVERY TIME, ASUMA CAME TO MY RESCUE

I... I USED TO COMPLAIN ABOUT EVERYTHING. EVERYTHING ANNOYED ME BACK THEN.

BUT TO ME, HE WAS STILL A TERRIFIC ROLE MODEL.

AND NOW IT'S MY TURN.

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WHEN THAT BABY ARRIVES

IT'LL BE MY TURN AS GUARDIAN AND MASTER.

I GUESS I'VE GOT SOME REAL GROWING UP TO DO.

THANK YOU.

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DAD, YOU'RE MUCH BETTER AT THIS THAN ASUMA.

WELL, YOU KNOW. WHEN DEFENDING THE BLACK KING AGAINST A STRONGER OPPONENT ...

SACRIFICE IS UNAVOID-ABLE.

CLIMBING SILVER, EH?

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BOY, THAT'S ONE DEVIOUS KNIGHT YOU'VE GOT THERE.

AND NO MATTER WHICH OF MY GOLD GENERALS GETS AWAY, YOUR BISHOP WILL ENTER AND BE PROMOTED ...

LOOK, IF YOU RETREAT THAT WAY...

MY KNIGHT CAN BARREL RIGHT UP HERE.

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IT'S SOMETHING ASUMA SAID ONCE.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THAT WOULD BE ME.

IF KONOHA'S SHINOBI WERE SHOGI PIECES...

THAT HE DID.

DID HE... I GUESS HE KNEW YOU INSIDE OUT.

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SO THEN... WHO'S THE BLACK KING?

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THEY'RE THE BLACK KING.

THE CHILDREN WHO WILL CARRY KONOHA ON THEIR SHOULDERS.

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AH

AND... CHECK-MATE.

YOU DO GET IT, DON'T YOU.

ARGH!

YOU NEED TO WORK HARDER!

YOU'RE NOT YET STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT THE BLACK KING!

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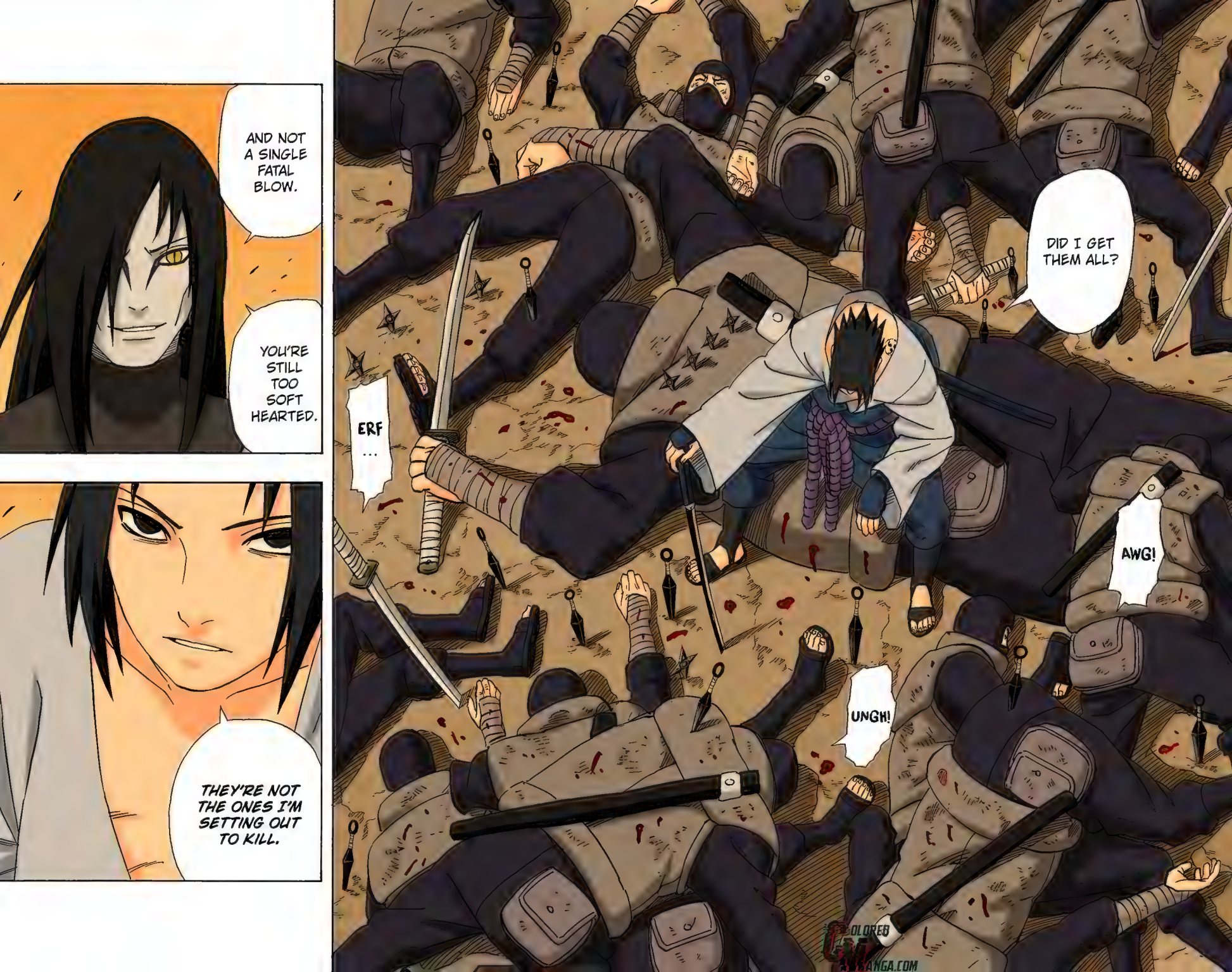
AND NOT A SINGLE FATAL BLOW.
YOU'RE STILL TOO SOFT HEARTED.
THEY'RE NOT THE ONES I'M SETTING OUT TO KILL.
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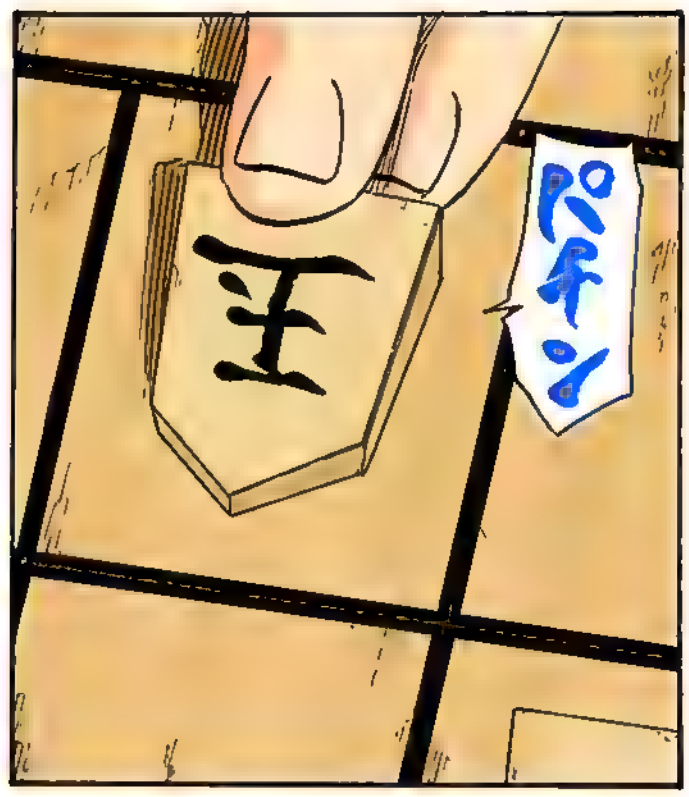
DID I GET THEM ALL?
AWG!
UNGH!



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SO LONG AS YOU HAVE MERCY...

YOU CANNOT BEST ITACHI.

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THAT WON'T TAKE ANY EFFORT.

I'LL BE MERCILESS ENOUGH WHEN I SEE HIM.

THEY CALLED ME A GENIUS BUT COMPARED TO HIM...

NOT A DROP OF BLOOD ON HIM...

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A LITTLE MORE PATIENCE, AND HE'S MINE!
JUST A LITTLE LONGER...

AWK! HOT, HOT!

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(ICHIRAKU)

GAH. I JUST CAN'T EAT LEFT-HANDED

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THIS NEW JUTSU OF YOURS IS ONLY MEANT AS A LAST RESORT!

JUST PROMISE ME YOU'LL THINK BEFORE USING IT!

YOU MUST'VE BROKEN HALF THE BONES IN YOUR BODY! IT'S NOT MADE FOR THIS KIND OF STRAIN...

THERE ARE LIMITS TO WHAT I CAN PATCH UP! MEDICAL NIN-JUTSU IS A SCIENCE, NOT A MIRACLE CURE!

HEH...HEY, IT'S NO BIG DEAL SO LONG AS I'VE GOT YOU AROUND TO FIX ME.

THAT'S NOT THE POINT!

HUH?

YEAH, STILL... I LIKE THINGS THE WAY THEY ARE NOW.

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'CAUSE, SAKURA, IT FEELS LIKE WE'RE ON THE ROAD TO REACH SASUKE TOGETHER.

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AM I DREAMING? SHE'S NOT GOING TO...

...FEED ME?

!

GIMME YOUR CHOP-STICKS.

YOU'RE HOPE-LESS.

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IT'S TOO HOT!! AND WHO ASKED FOR YOUR HELP?!

HOT!!!

NOW SAY AH...

HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE YOUR HEAD OUT OF YOUR BOOK AND THINK FOR YOURSELF! MAN!

OR SO THE BOOK SAYS...

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED.

MAS-TER KAK-ASHI!

WHAT'S ALL THE COMMO-TION?

HEY!

GRRRR... AND I GET MASTER KAKASHI ...

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HMPH.

WHY DOES EVERY-ONE KEEP ASKING THAT?

MASTER KAKASHI, HOW ARE YOU EVEN OUT OF BED?

I WOULD HAVE HAD NO CHOICE.

BUT IF YOU HADN'T SHOWN UP WHEN YOU DID...

I DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO USE MY MANGEKYO SHARINGAN THIS TIME.

PSSH.

AND THEN I WOULD BE IN BED RIGHT NOW... IN THE HOSPITAL!

HEH.

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YOU MAY EVEN SURPASS ME.

YOU'RE STRONG, NARUTO.

YEAH...

THING IS, THE MORE PROFOUND THE JUTSU ...

...THE RISKIER IT IS TO WIELD. JUST REMEMBER THAT.

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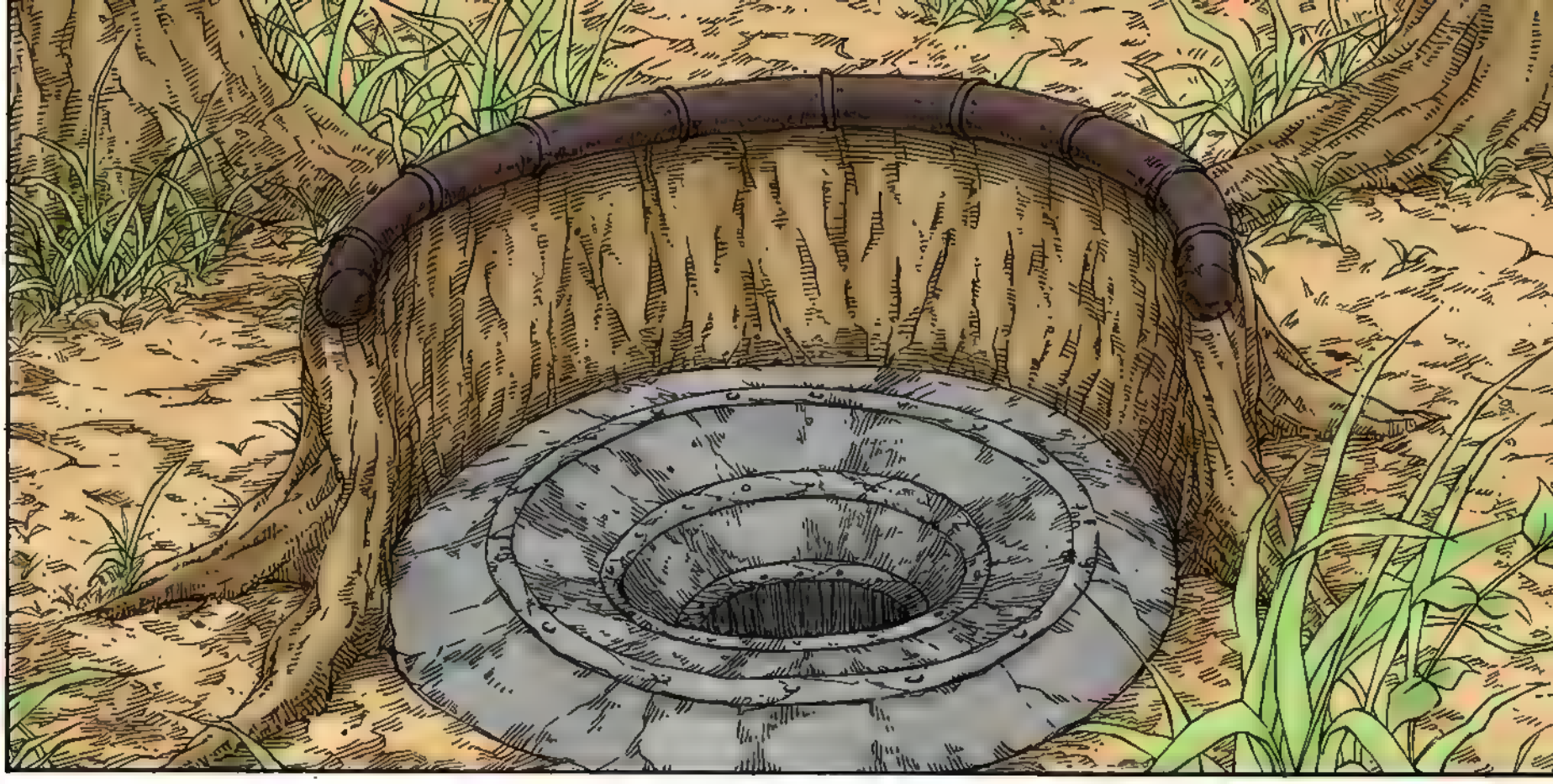

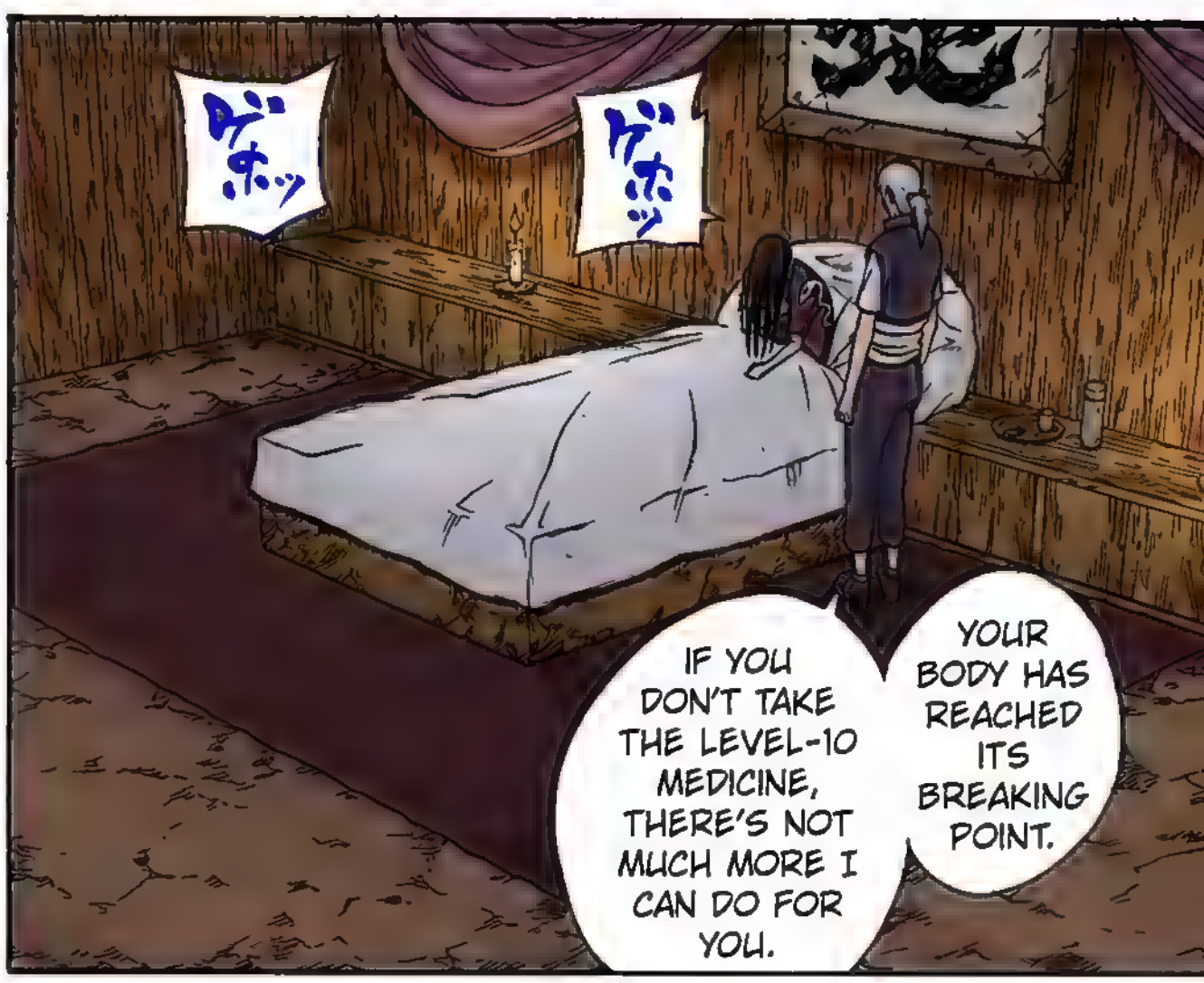
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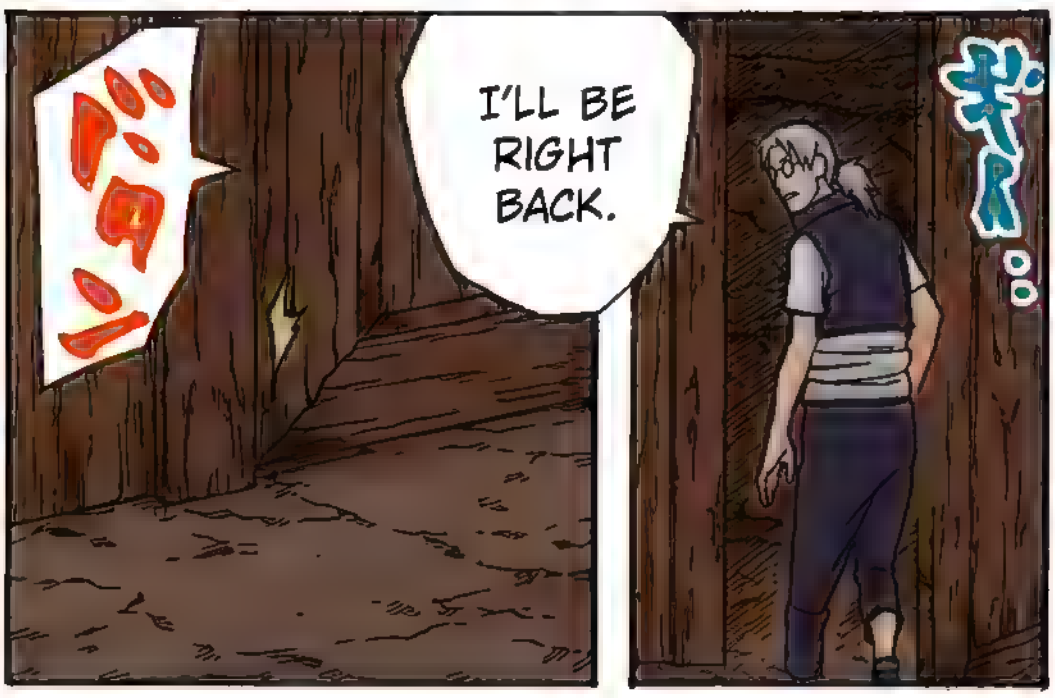
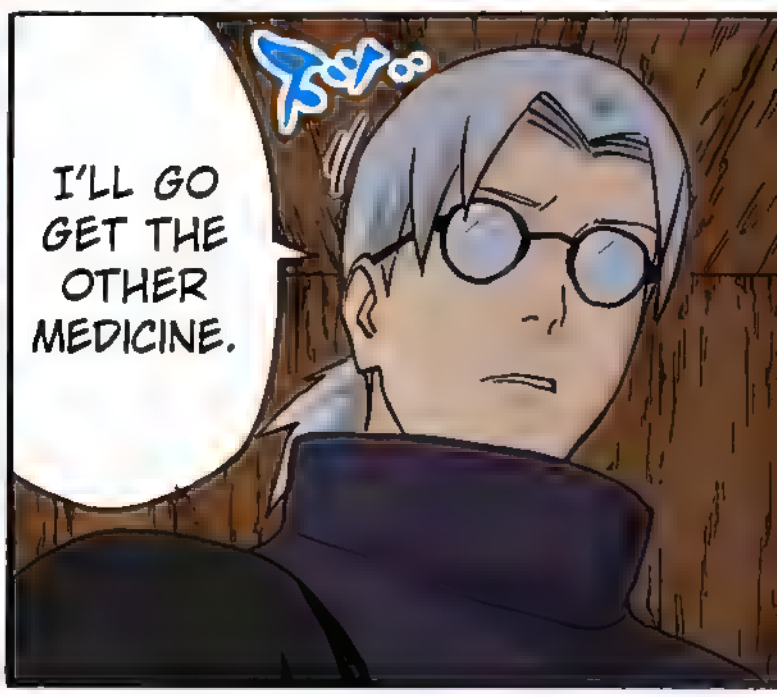
IF YOU DON'T TAKE THE LEVEL-10 MEDICINE, THERE'S NOT MUCH MORE I CAN DO FOR YOU.
YOUR BODY HAS REACHED ITS BREAKING POINT.





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HEH ...

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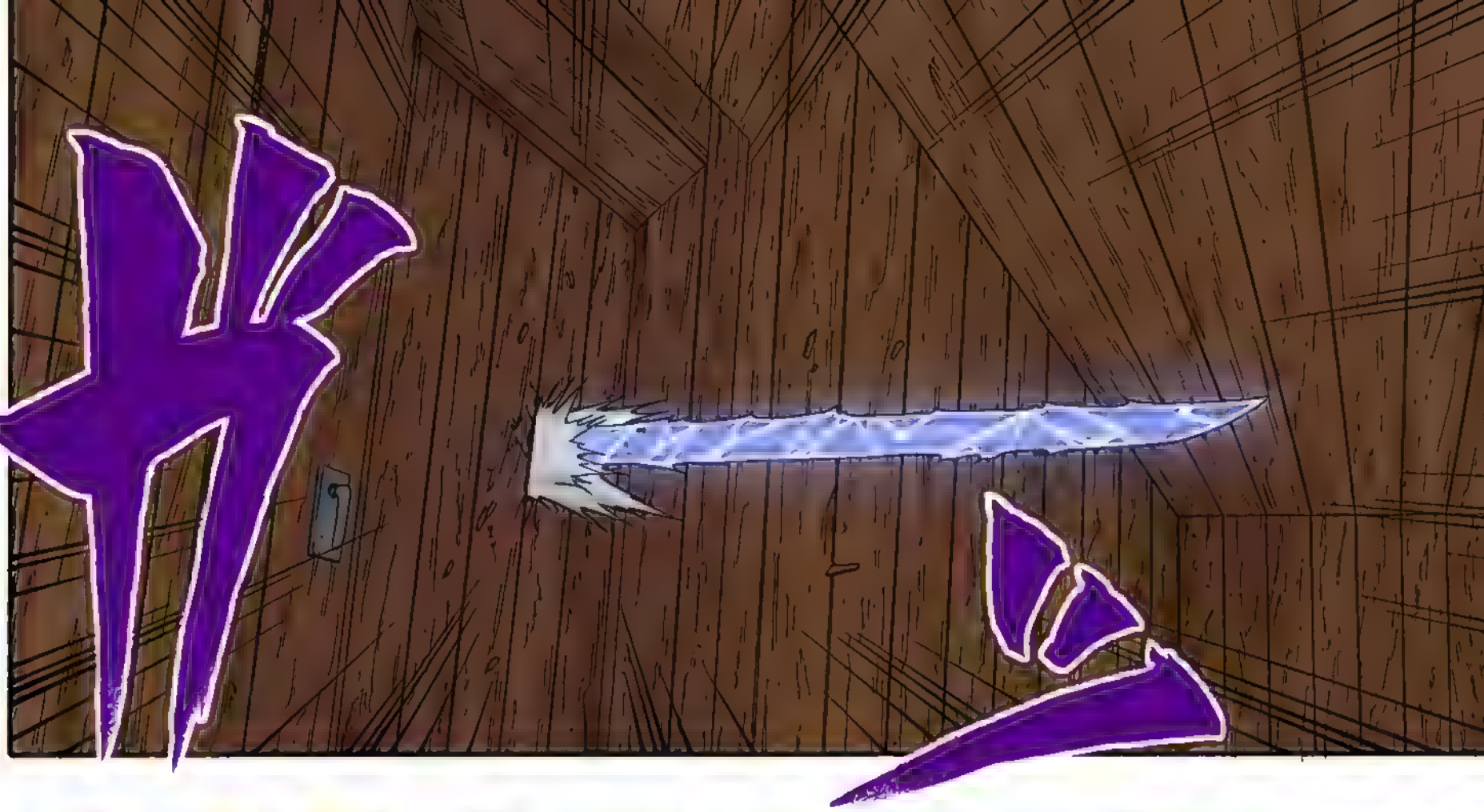
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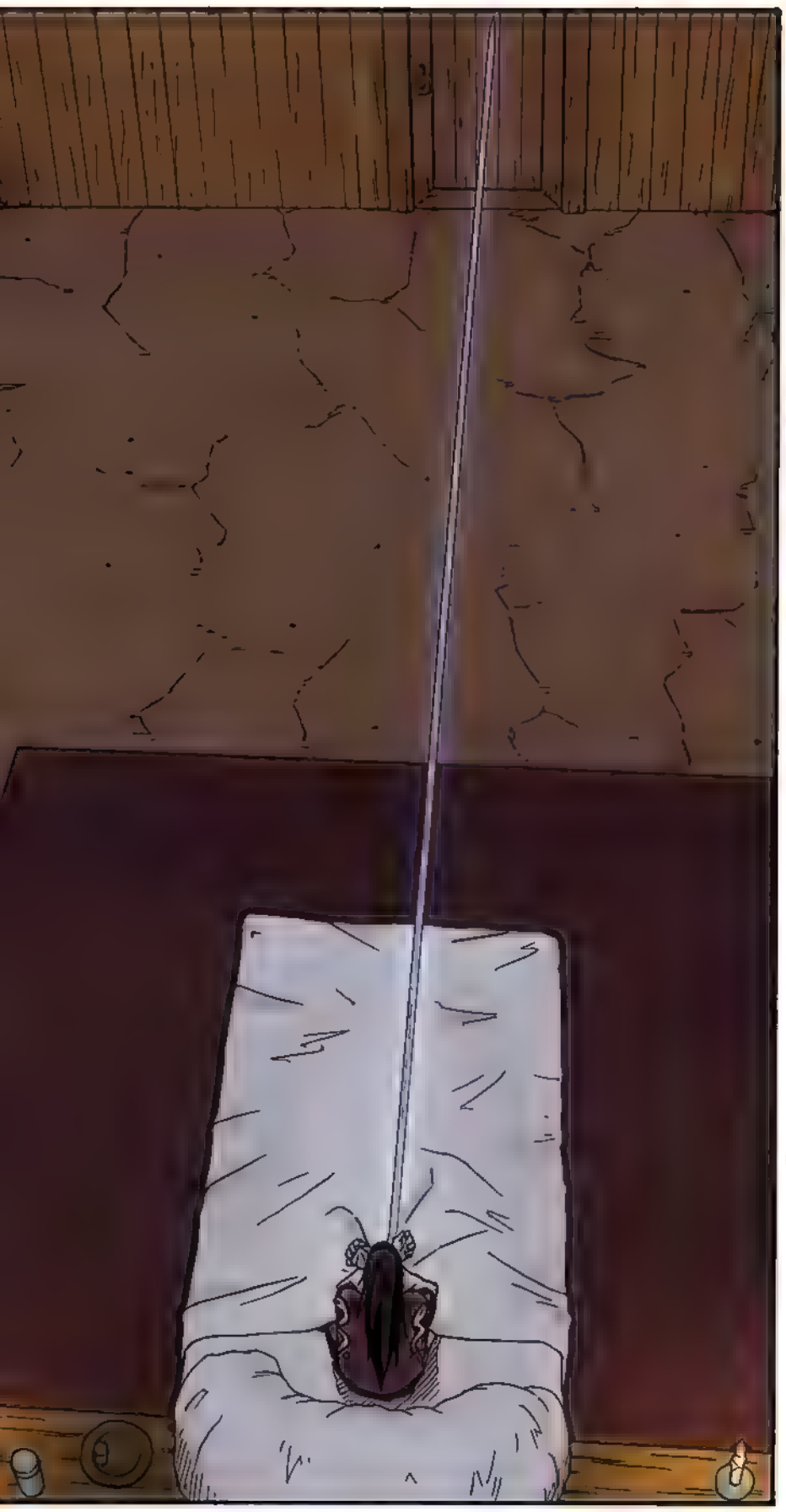
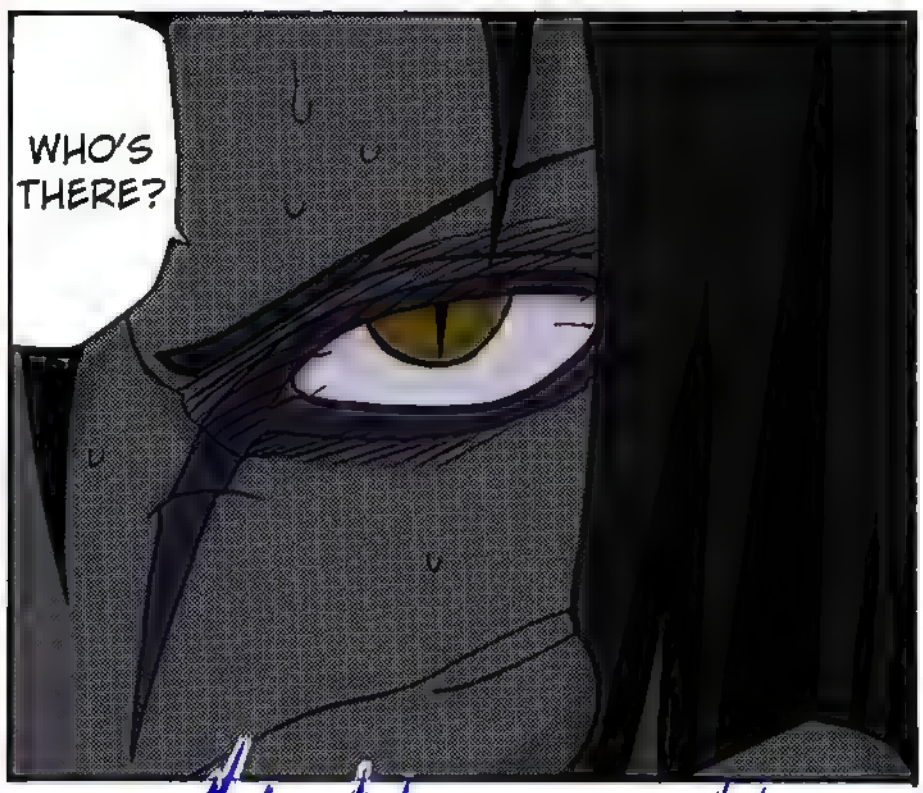


I'VE NEVER SEEN IT CHANGE ITS FORM LIKE THIS.
THIS CHAKRA ...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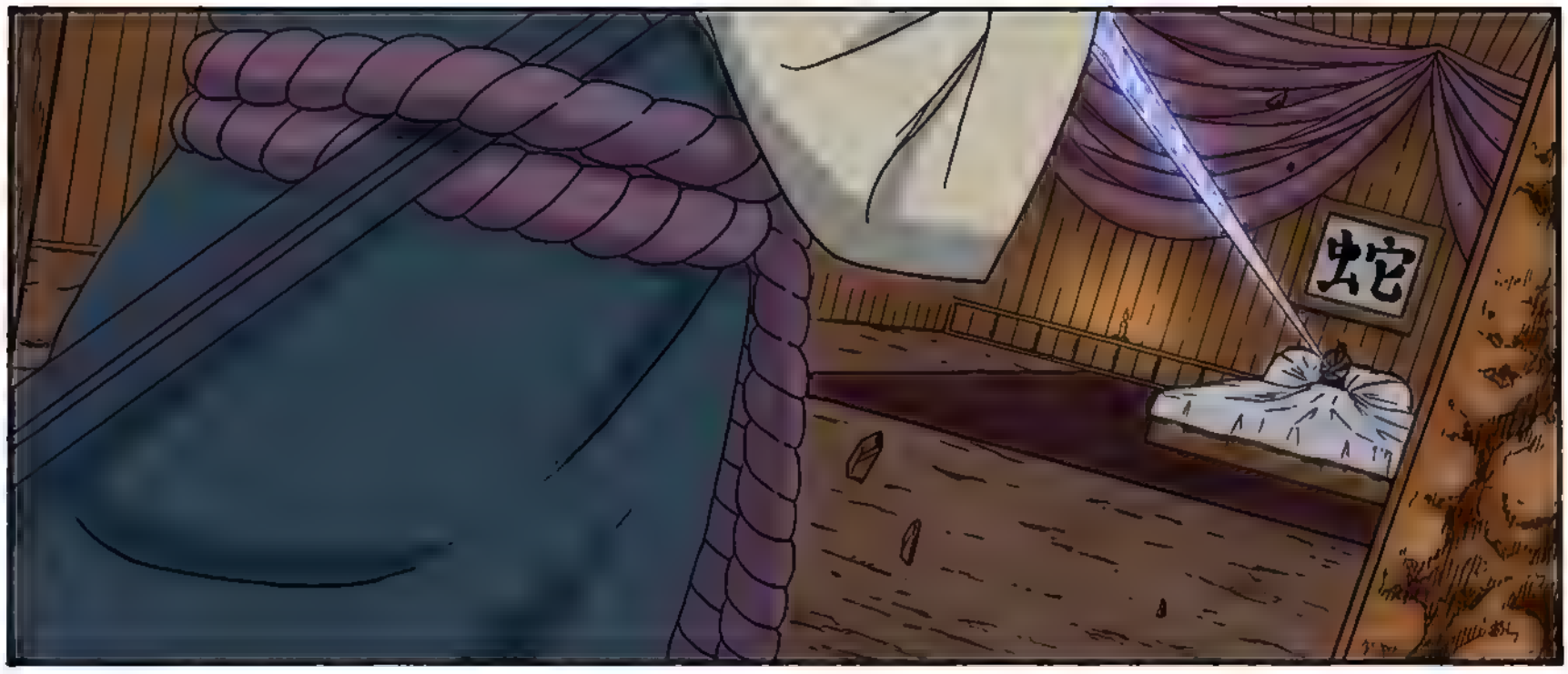

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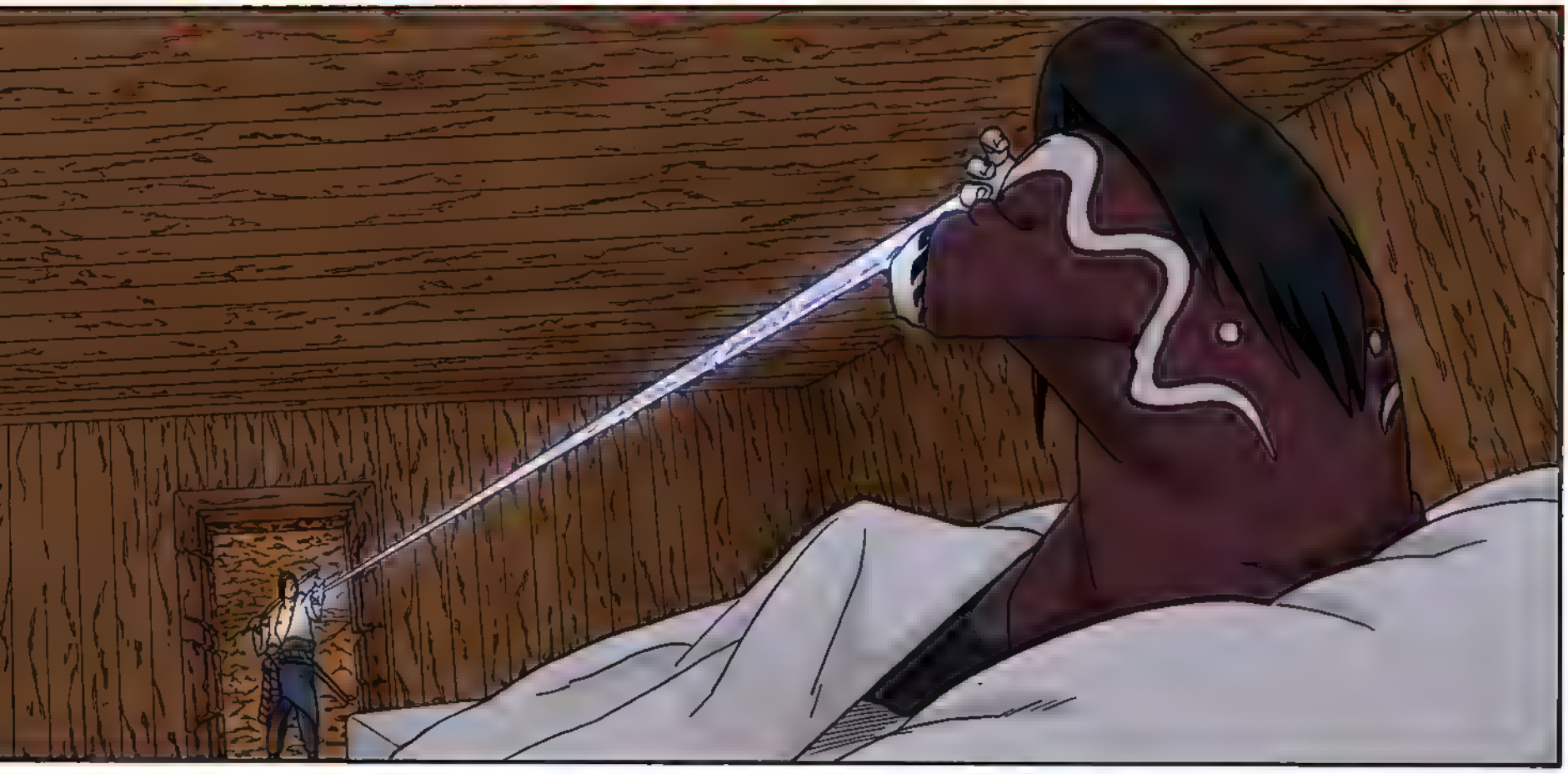

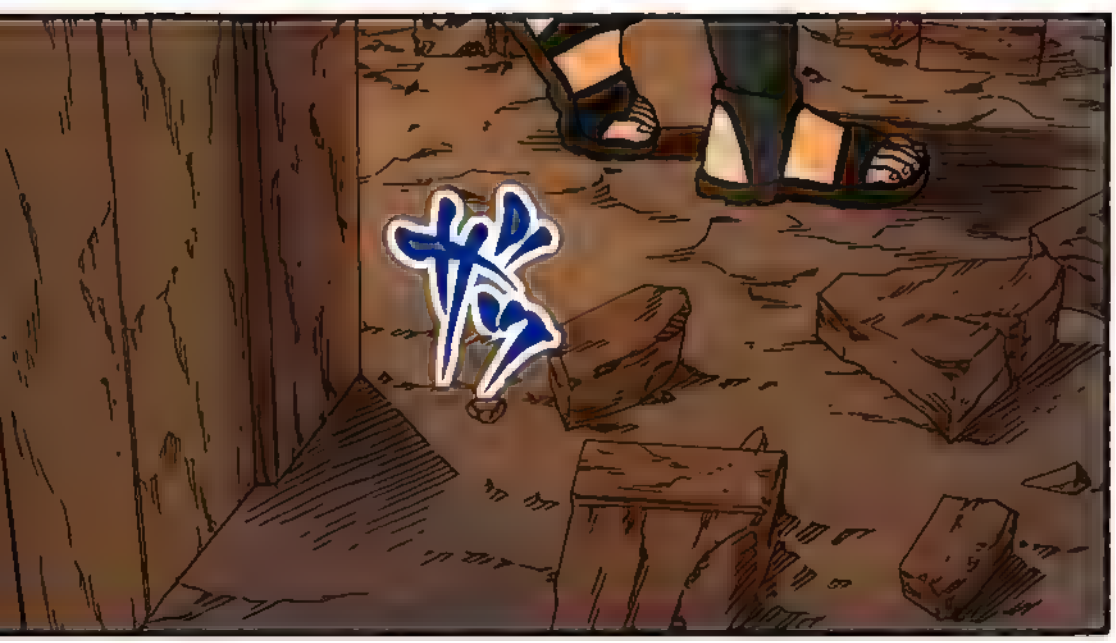

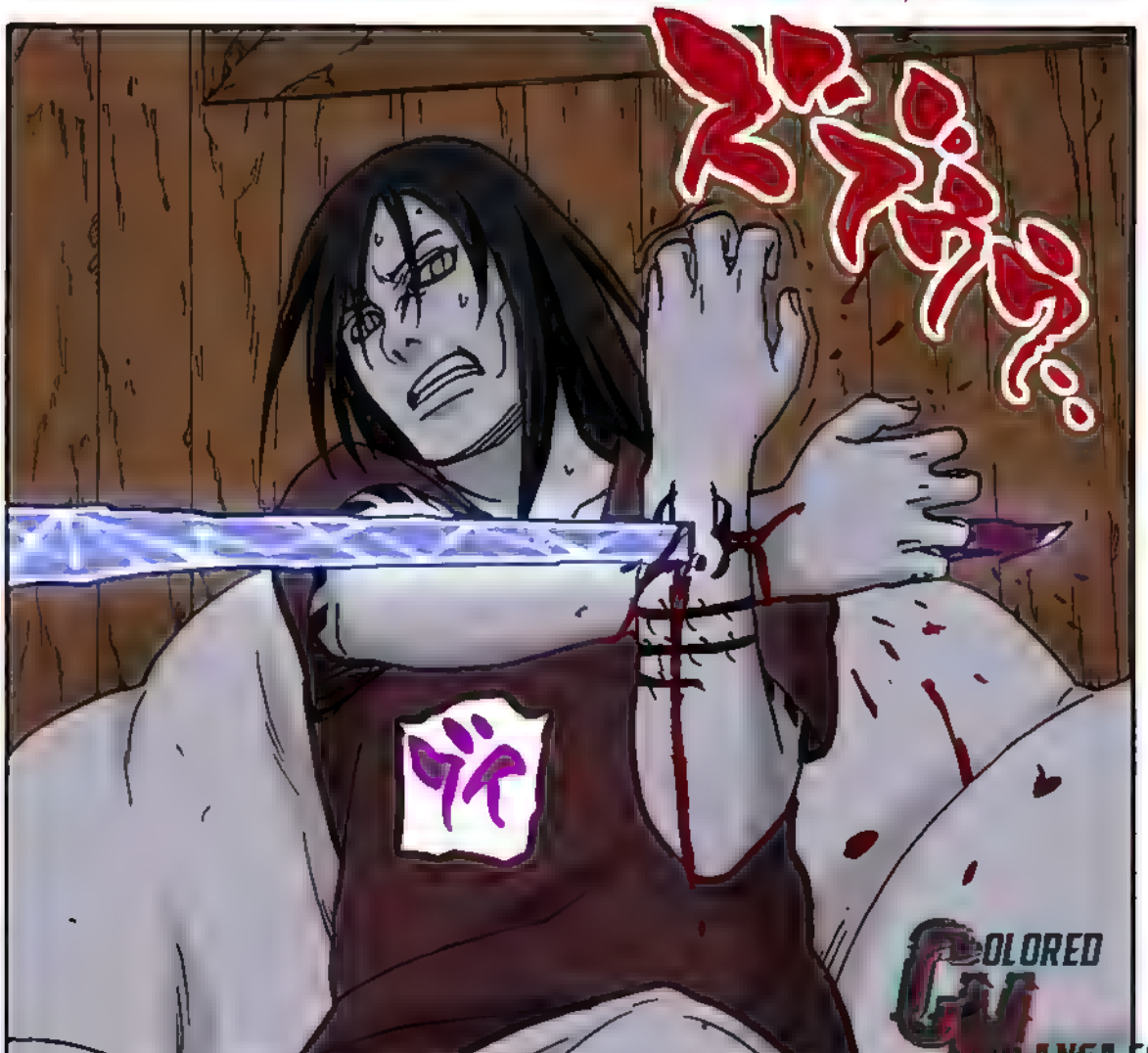

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I'M STRONGER THAN YOU.

OROCHI MARU.

A BOLD STATE-MENT FROM A NURS-LING UCHIHA.

SO AT THIS POINT I REALLY DON'T SEE A REASON TO HAND OVER MY BODY TO YOU.

HEH ...

OF COURSE, IT HAD TO BE THE NURSLING. THAT'S THE ONLY UCHIHA YOU COULD HANDLE.

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ITACHI WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION.

THAT'S WHY YOU CAME AFTER ME, THE BABY.

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YOU'RE NOT EVEN IN THE SAME LEAGUE AS UCHIHA... AND YOU KNOW THAT. DON'T YOU.

IT TURNS OUT YOU'RE JUST A RUN-OF-THE-MILL NINJA.

AND THEY SAY YOU'RE ONE OF THE THREE GREAT SHINOBI?

ISN'T THAT TRUE, BRIGHT EYES?

BEFORE UCHIHA, MILD BRILLIANCE SUCH AS YOURS BECOMES ACTUALLY RATHER ORDINARY.

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AS AN UCHIHA, ALL I SEE IS A MISERABLE WRETCH.

FILLING YOURSELF UP WITH MEDICINES, LEAPING FROM BODY TO BODY...

AND THE WAY YOU COVET THE POWER OF UCHIHA...IT'S REVOLTING.

I MEAN, WHAT ARE YOU AFTER?

AND ANYWAY I DON'T LIKE YOUR STYLE.

YOU KEEP TOYING WITH PEOPLE, ALL FOR THIS VAIN AND FRANKLY STUPID CAUSE OF YOURS.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF NATURE?

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...DID YOU ...?

WHY ...

TO MEASURE MY CAPA-CITY..

I HAD TO.

THAT'S... THE ONLY REASON FOR KILLING... EVERY-BODY?

MEA-SURE YOUR CAPA-CITY...

THAT'S IT...?

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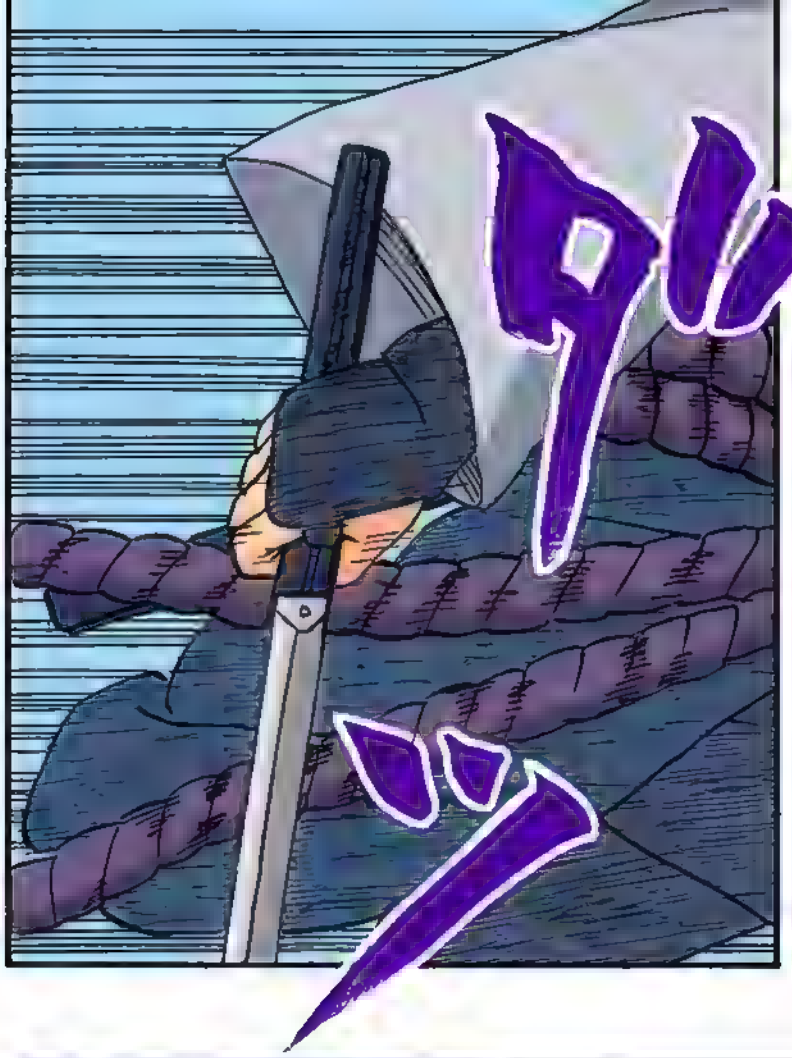

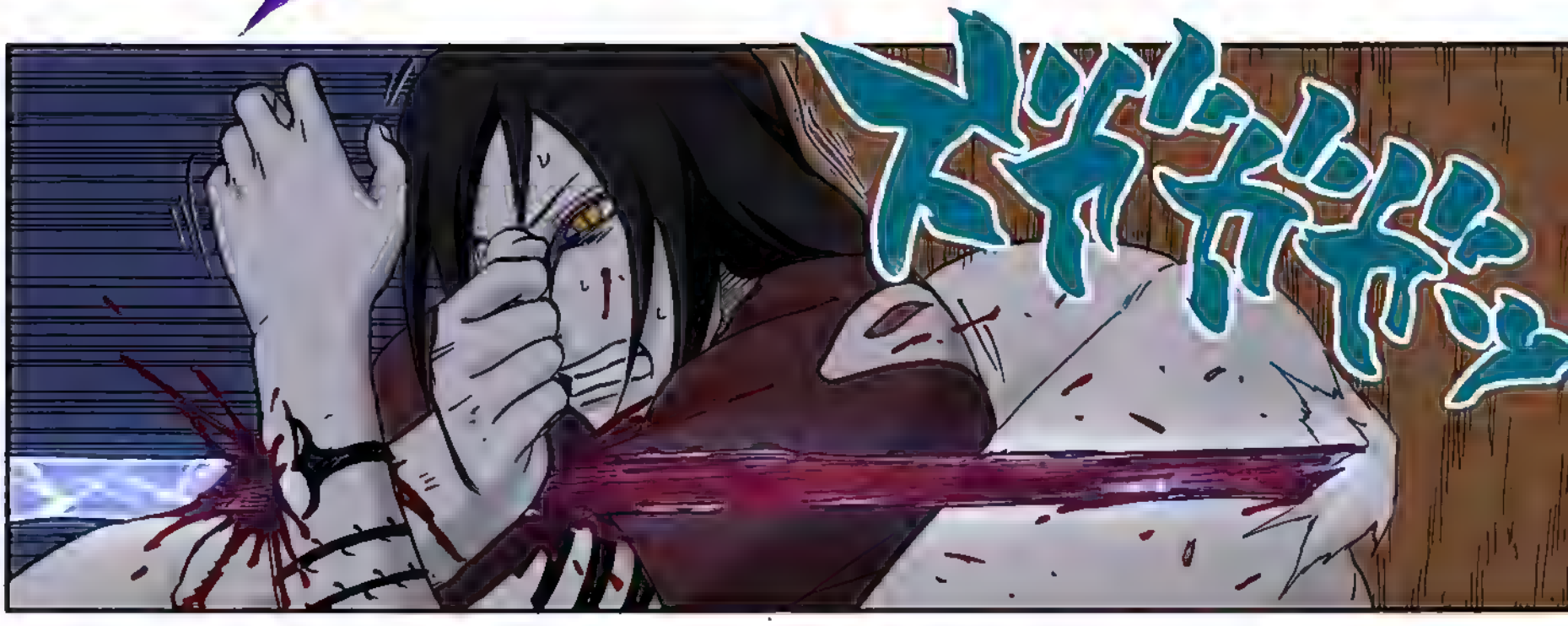

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NEVER WOULD HAVE RECOG-NIZED YOU.

THE GIANT WHITE-SCALED SNAKE.

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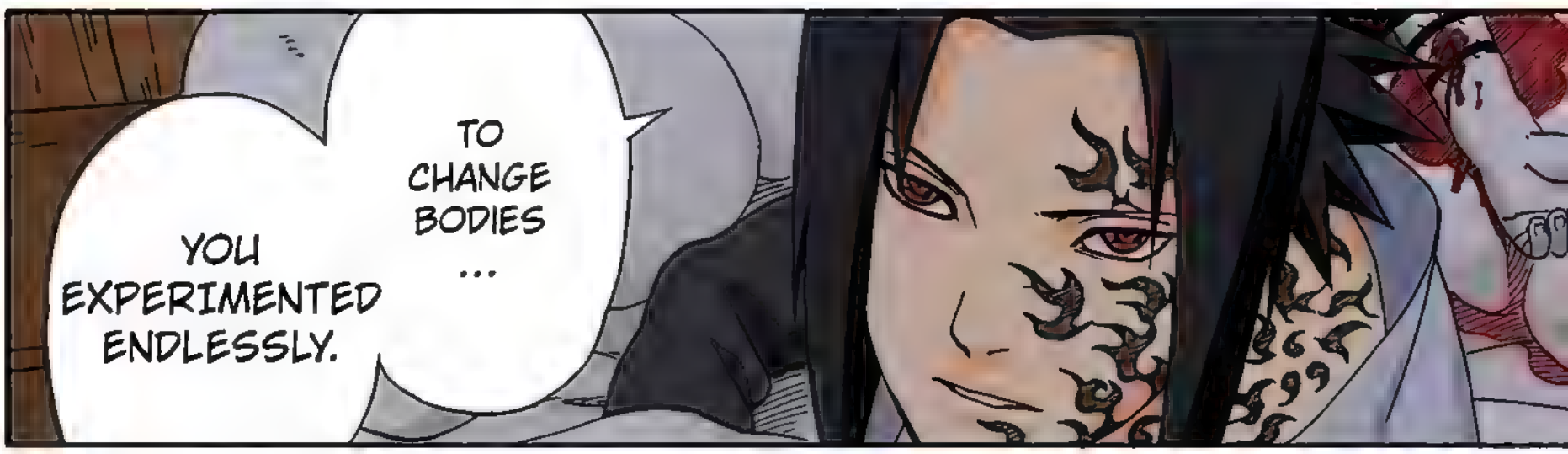

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AND THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE BECOME.

GIVE ME YOUR BODY !!!

NOW... SASUKE... YOU ARE MINE...

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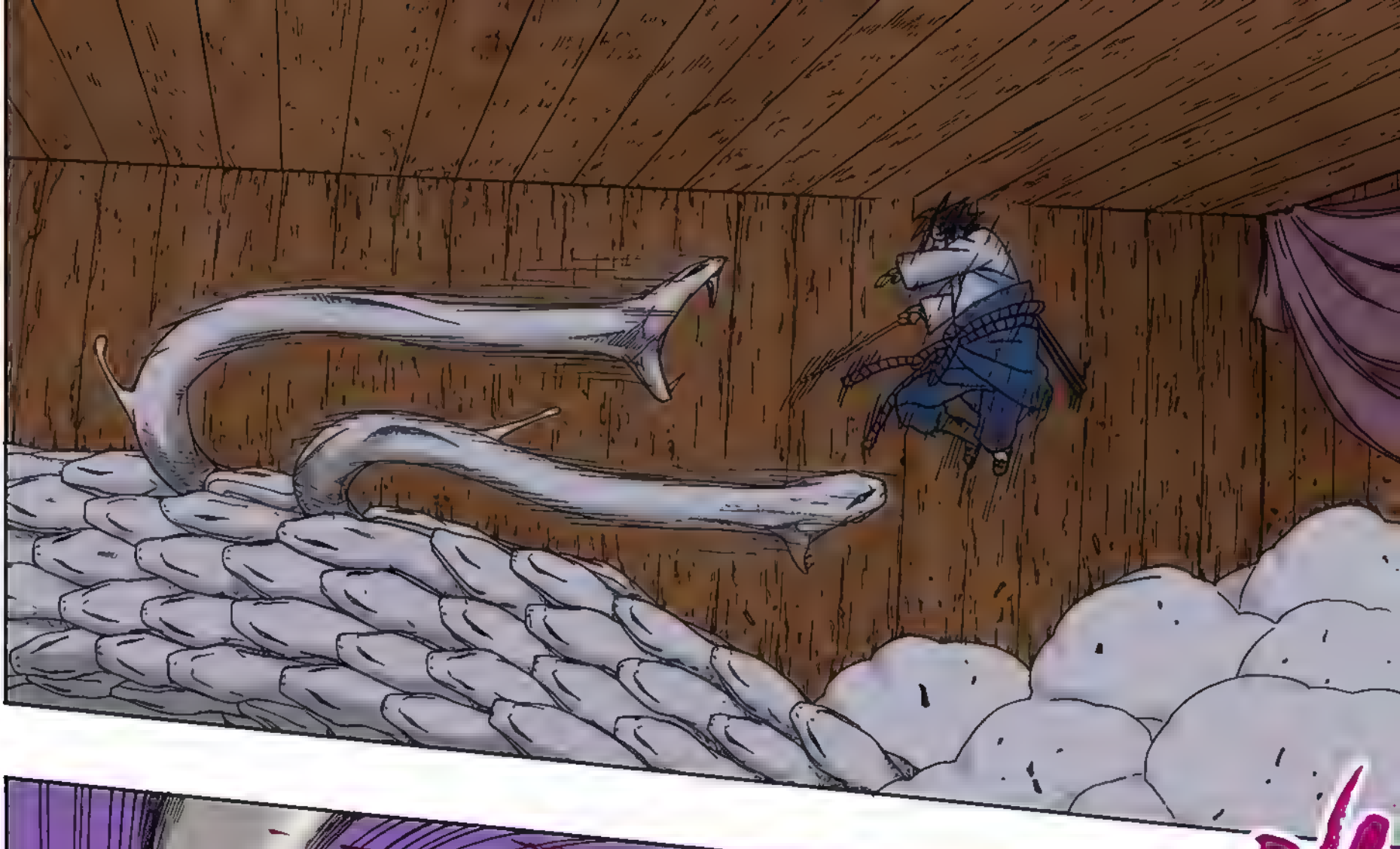

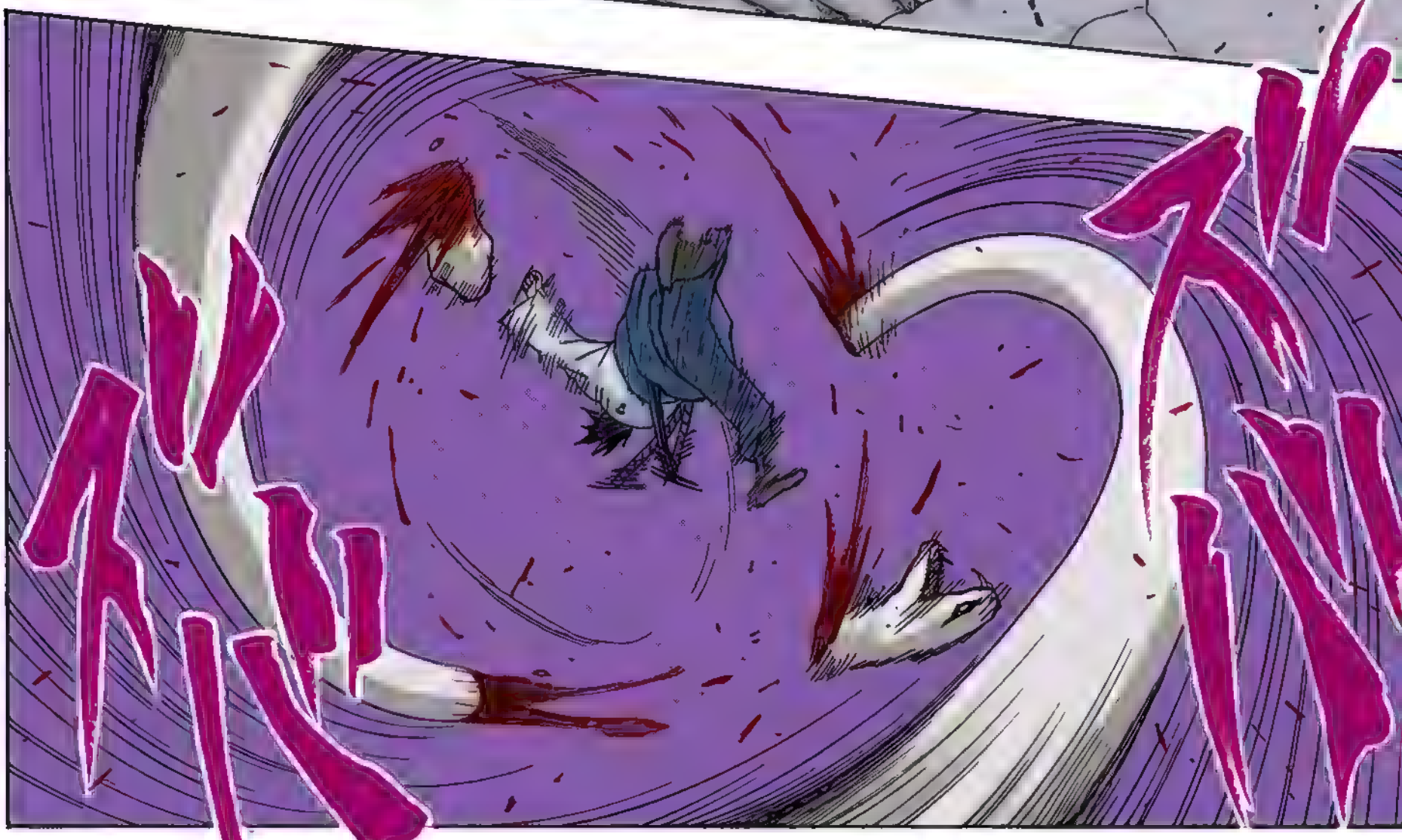

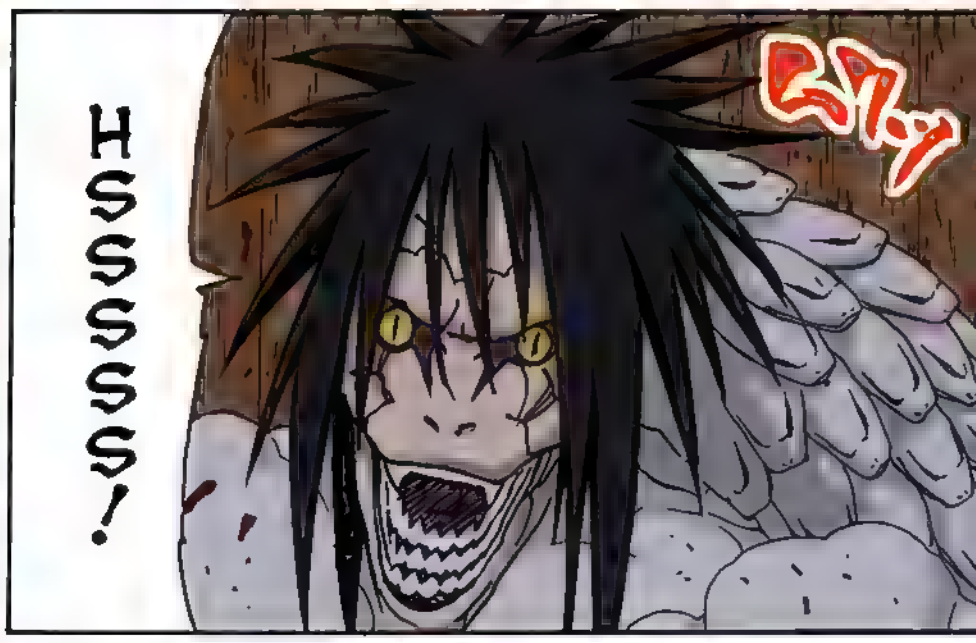

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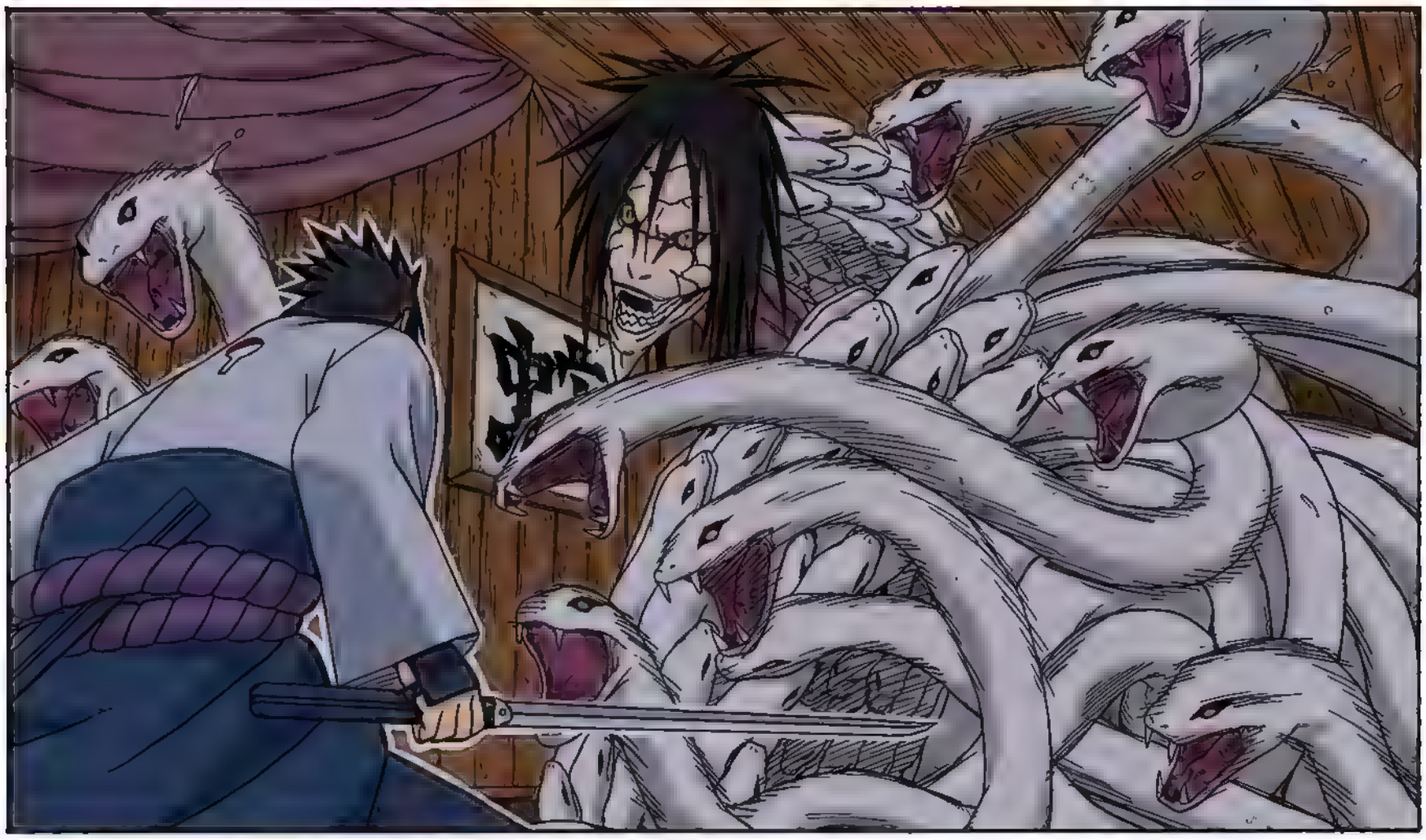

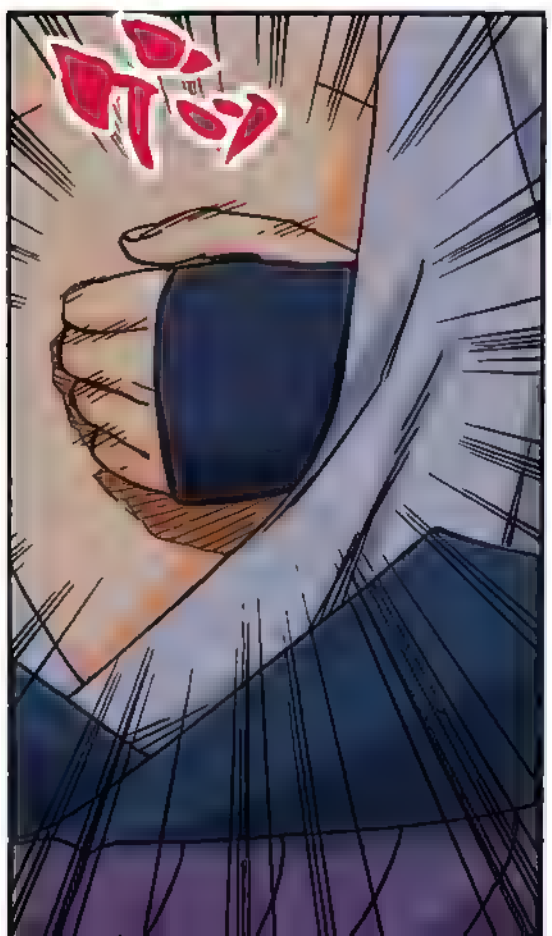

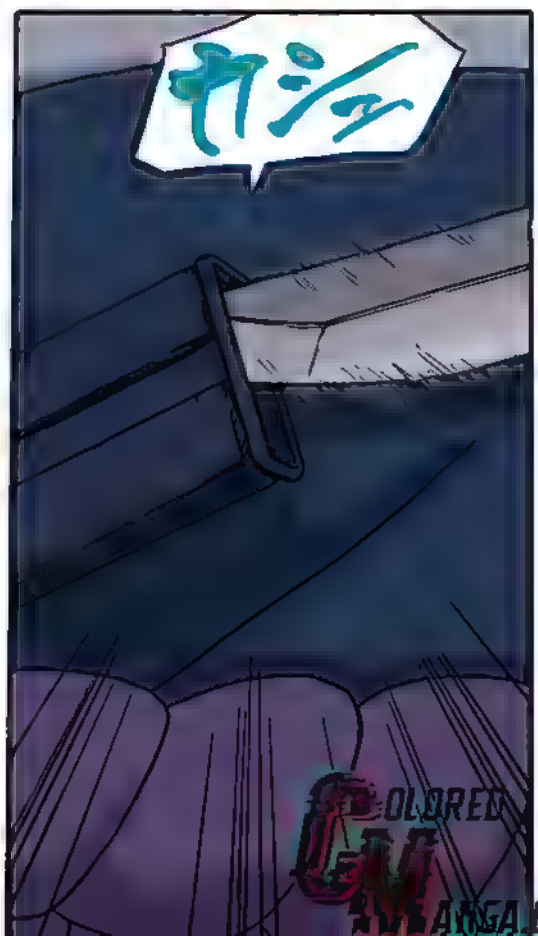

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LITTLE REALIZING THAT ACTUALLY ...

STILL, HOPING BEYOND HOPE, IT KEPT ITS EYE ON A BABY BIRD THAT IT NURTURED IN ITS OWN NEST...

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A SNAKE THAT CRAWLED ON THE EARTH DREAMT OF SOARING THROUGH THE SKY...

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... KNOWING FULL WELL IT WAS IMPOS-SIBLE.

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SASUKEEE!!
...READY TO TAKE TO THE SKY!
...THE SNAKE IS PREY BECAUSE THAT BIRD IS A HAWK...

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I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE OF THESE BEFORE.

THEY'RE EXTREMELY RARE. NOT TOO MANY GET THE OPPORTUNITY.

HEH... ME NEI-THER.

OH! THAT'S THE SKIN OF A WHITE SNAKE. WHAT LUCK THAT YOU FOUND IT.

WHAT IS THIS?

ALL I KNOW IS THAT THE WHITE SNAKE IS A SYMBOL OF GOOD LUCK AND RENEWAL.

WHO KNOWS. IT'S NOT IN THE BOOKS.

I DON'T THINK ANYONE'S BOTHERED TO LOOK INTO IT.

WHY IS IT SO WHITE?

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GOOD LUCK AND... RENEWAL ...

WHEN WOULD THAT... BE?

IT MUST BE KARMA FOR YOU TO FIND IT HERE BY YOUR PARENTS' GRAVESTONE. MAYBE IT MEANS THEY'VE BEEN REBORN SOMEWHERE?

HEY, MAYBE SOMEDAY YOU'LL MEET THEM AGAIN.

SORRY, GOT NO CLUE FOR YOU THERE.

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THE RITUAL...!!

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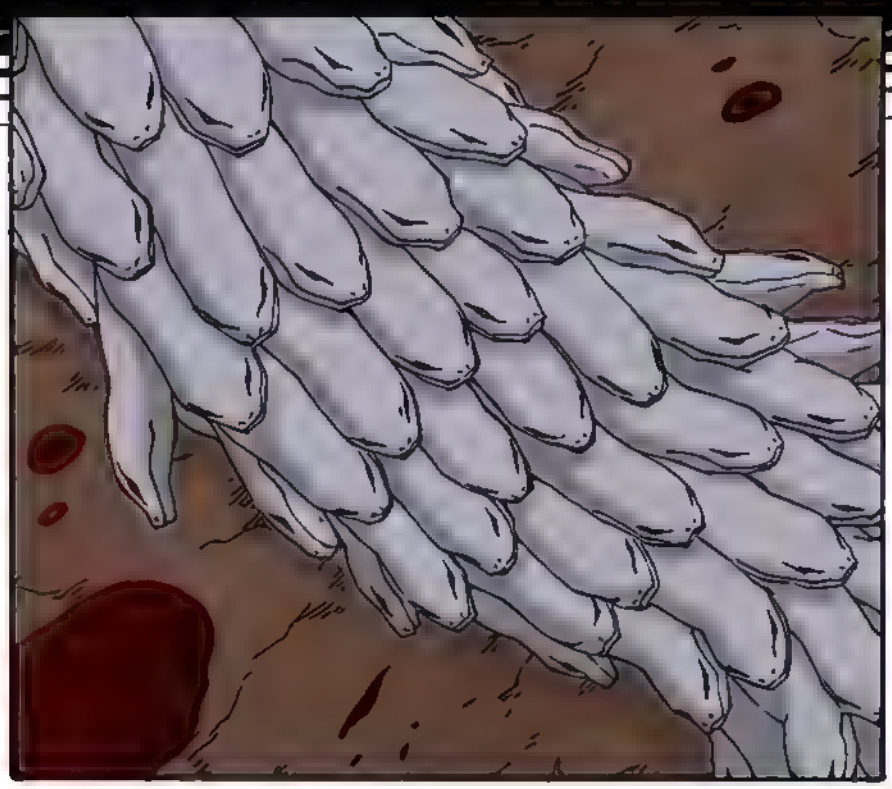

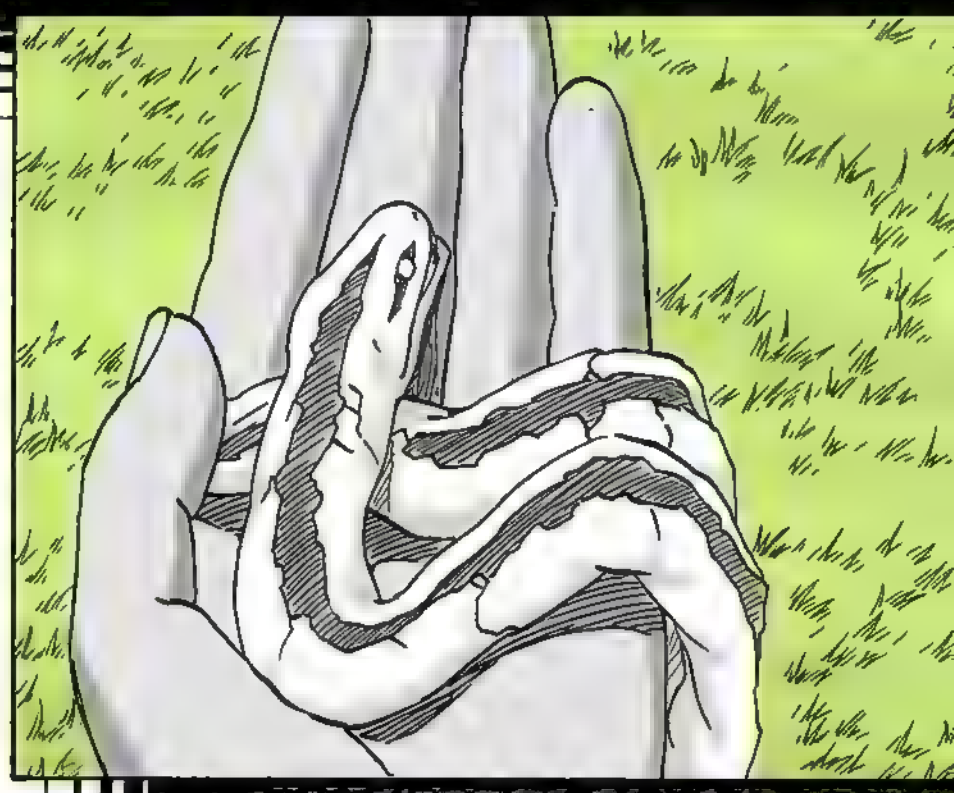

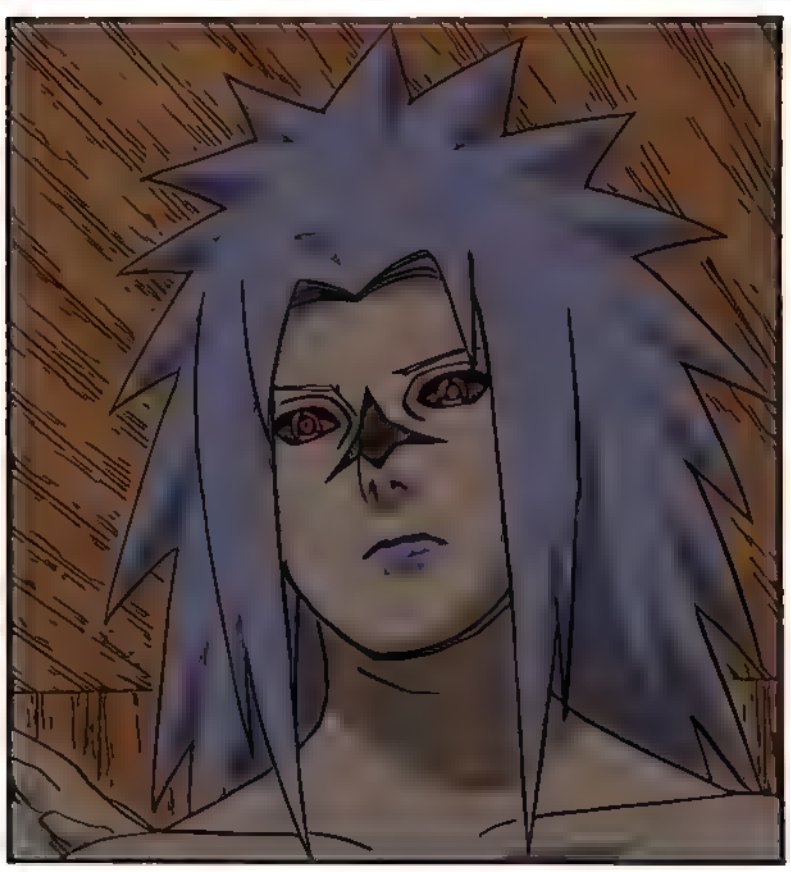

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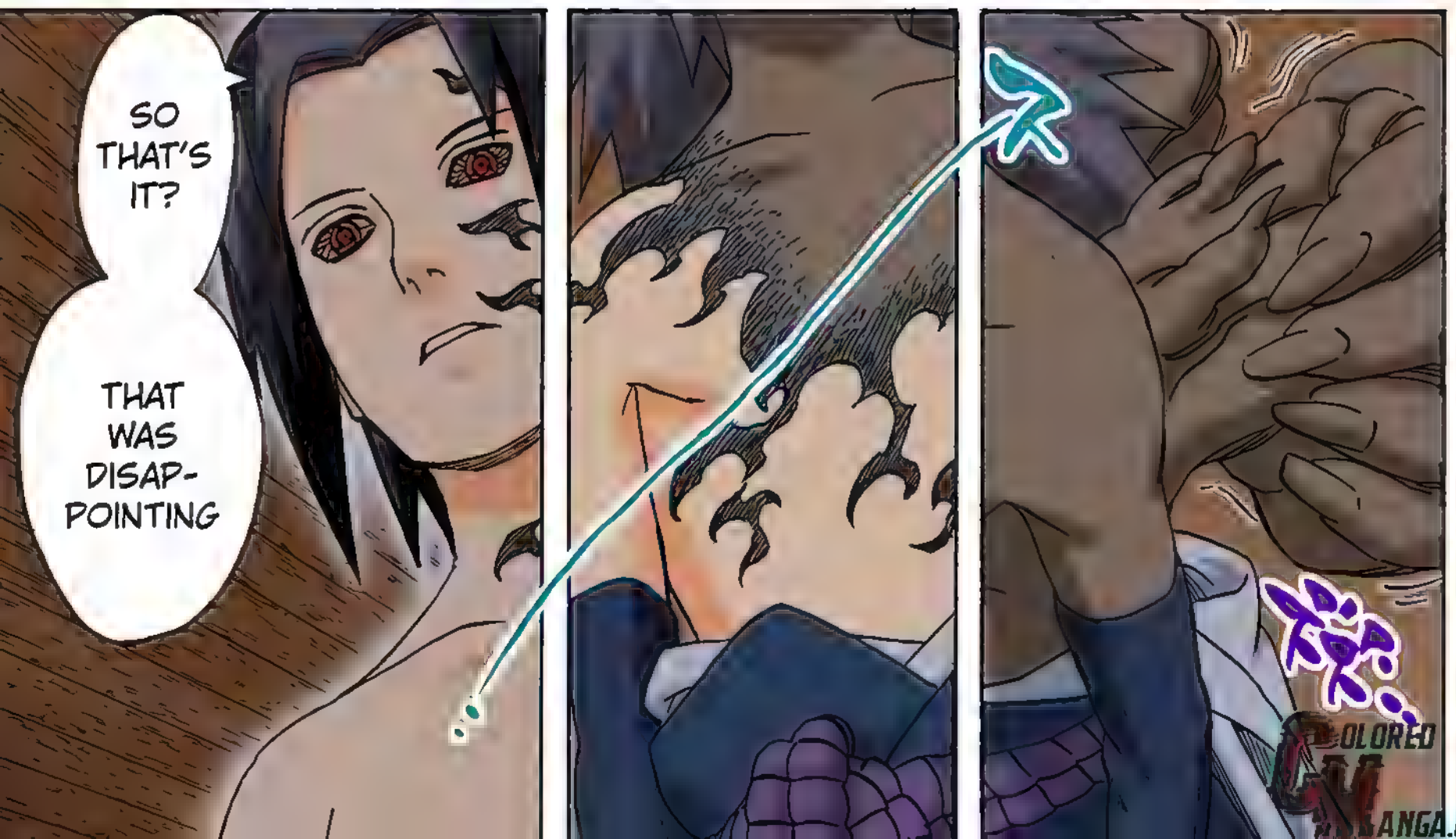
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IT'S ABOUT TIME IT TOOK EFFECT.

THEY HAVE... A NUMBING EFFECT.

THE BODILY FLUIDS OF THE GREAT SERPENT WILL EVAPORATE THE MOMENT THEY'RE EXPOSED TO THE AIR.

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HEH. ..

NOW ... LET ME TAKE YOU...

I AM IMMOR-TAL.

YOU CANNOT KILL ME.

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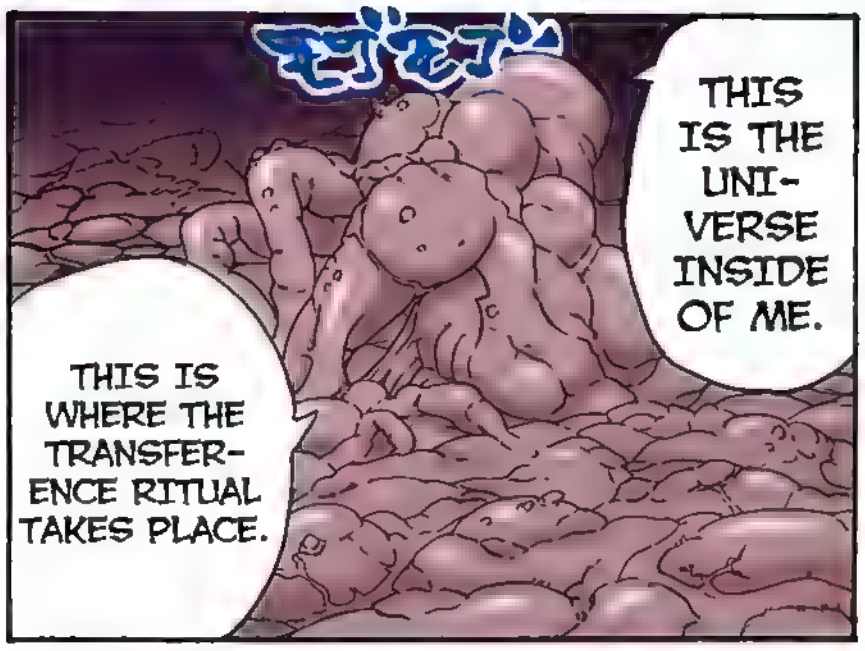

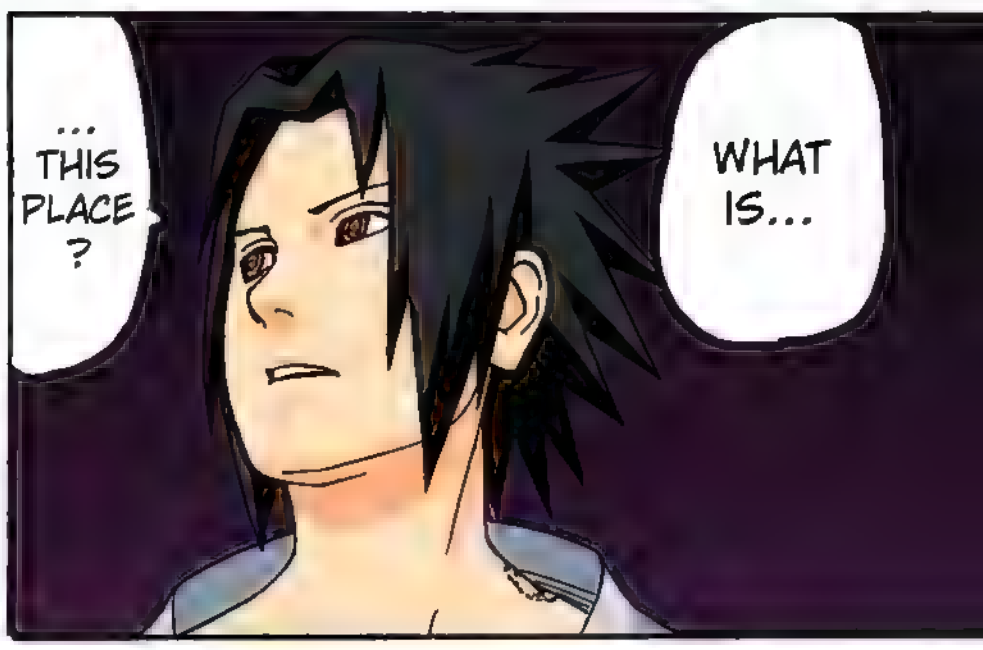

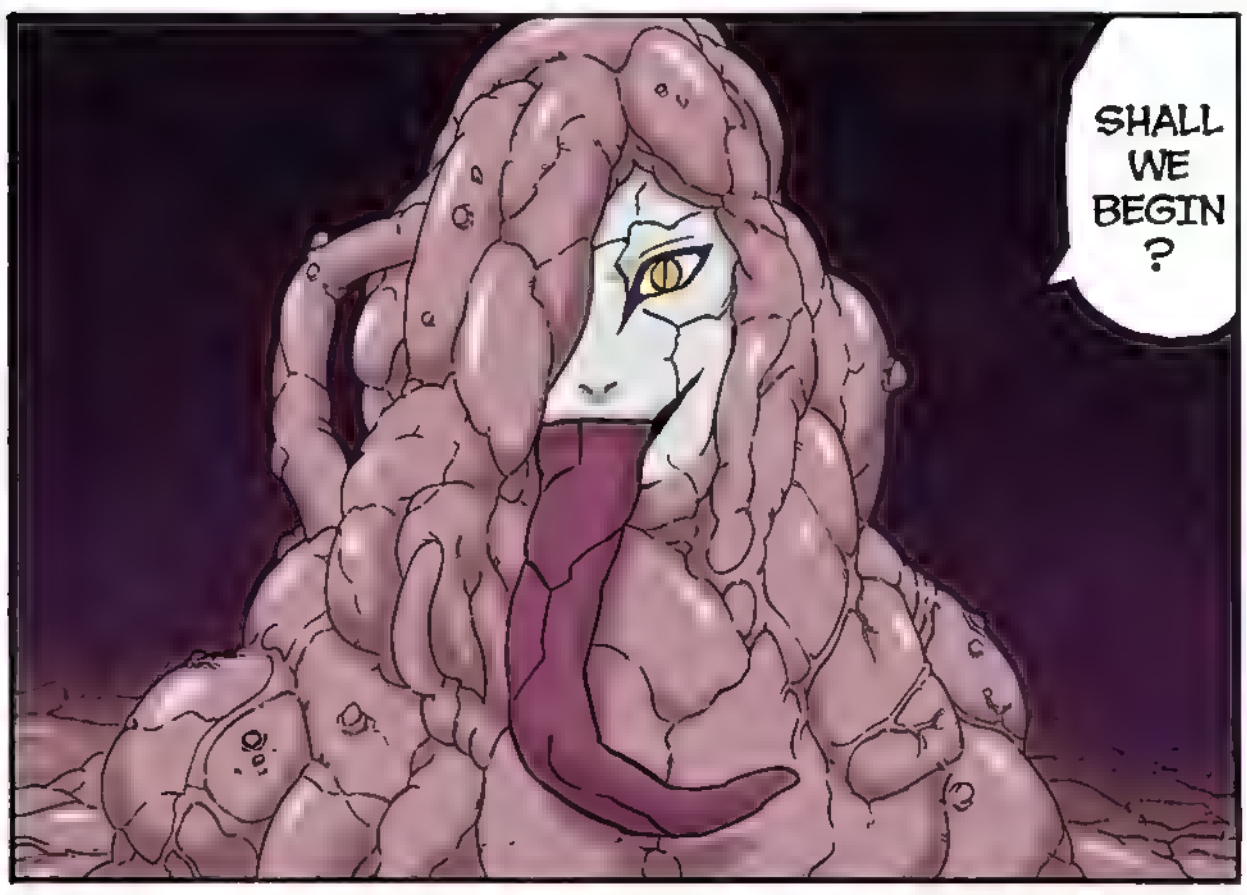

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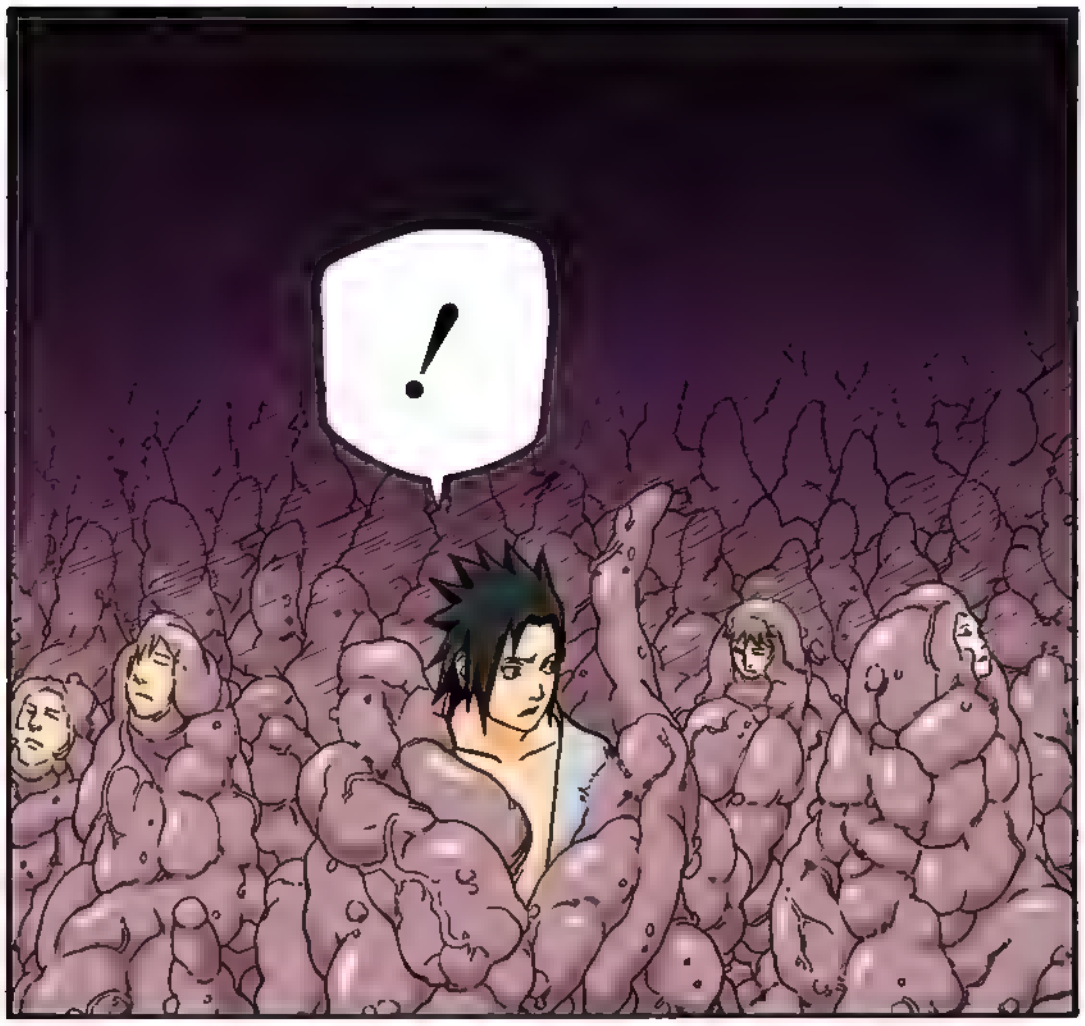
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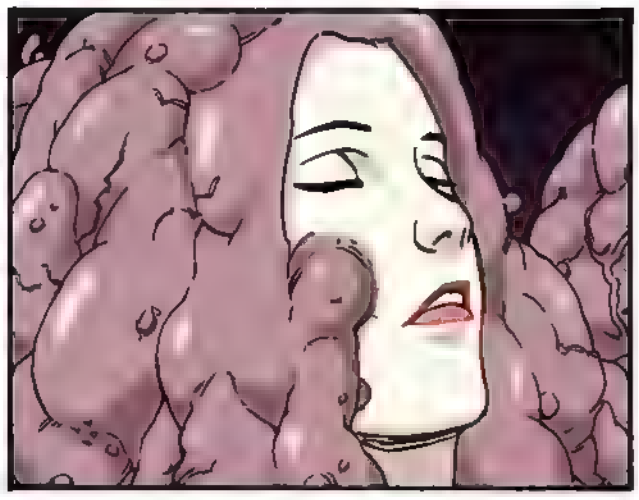

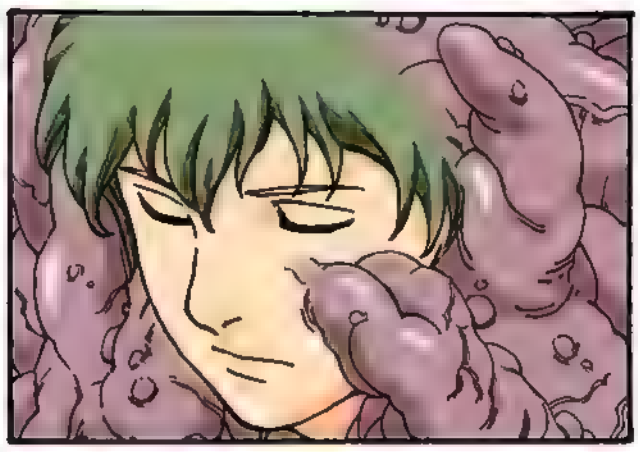

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HOW CAN THIS BE POSSIBLE ...

HOW CAN THE GENJUTSU PARALYSIS BIND ME...

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WHAT STRONG EYES YOU HAVE.

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OROCHI-MARU, MY EYES...

...CAN SEE THROUGH YOUR JUTSU

IT'S AS IF I'M LIVING THAT MOMENT ALL OVER.

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AND THOSE EYES ...

THEY'RE FINALLY MINE!!

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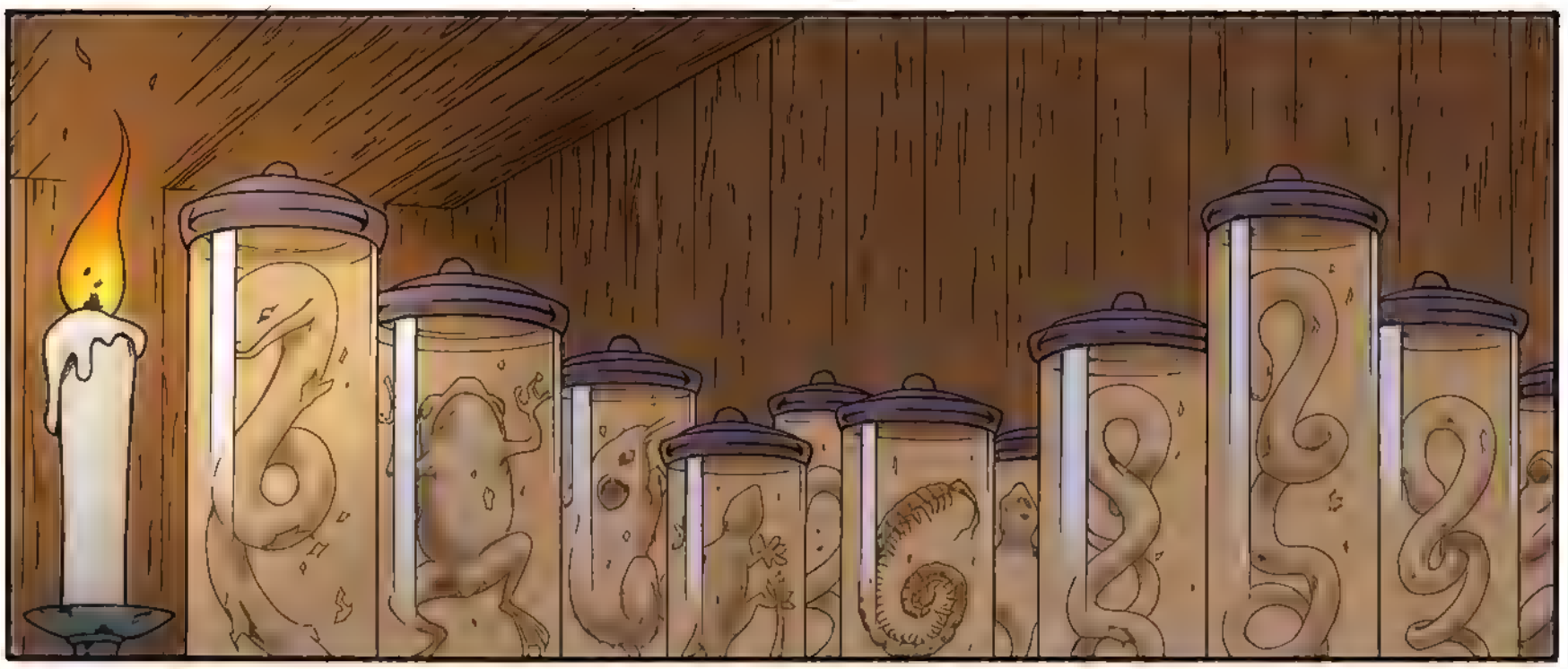
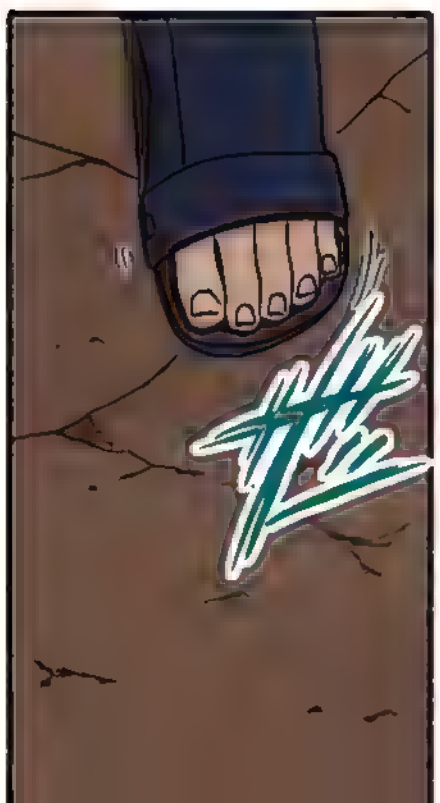
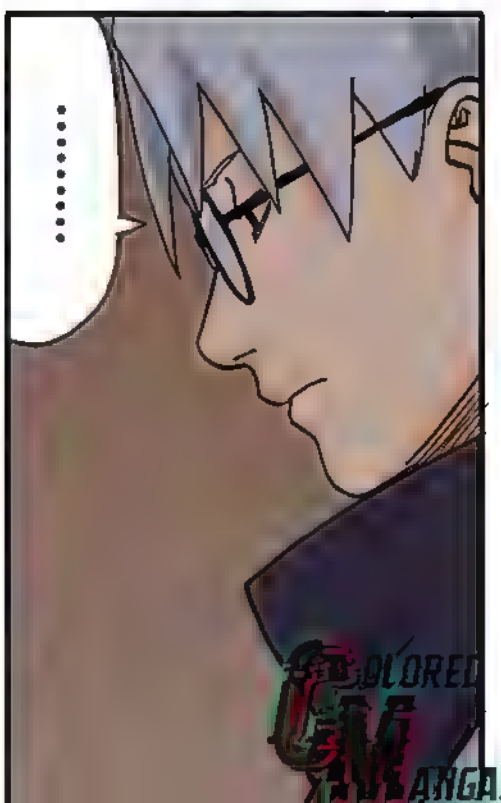


TOMOR-ROW...
OR BETTER, TODAY. THE SOONER WE PERFORM THE RITUAL, THE BETTER.
NO MEDICINE WILL HELP HIM NOW.



I CAN'T IMAGINE SASUKE WILL GO ALONE WITHOUT A FUSS...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STILL, IT'S NOT LIKE HE COULD DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. NOT AGAINST THAT RITUAL...

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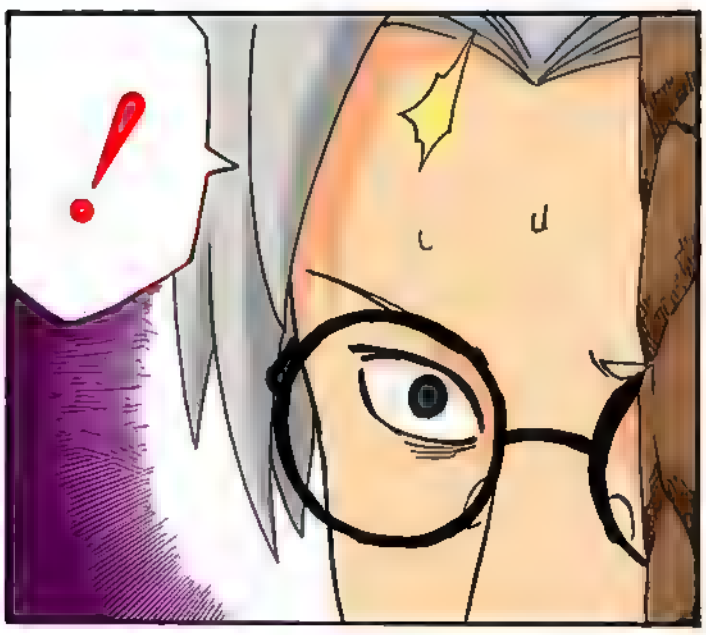

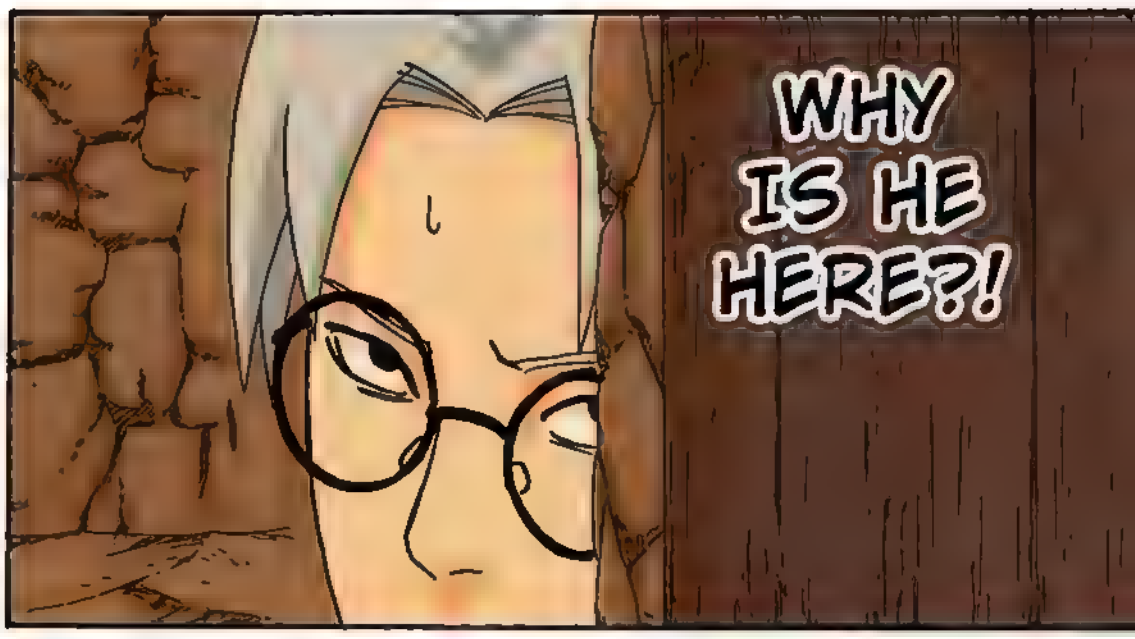

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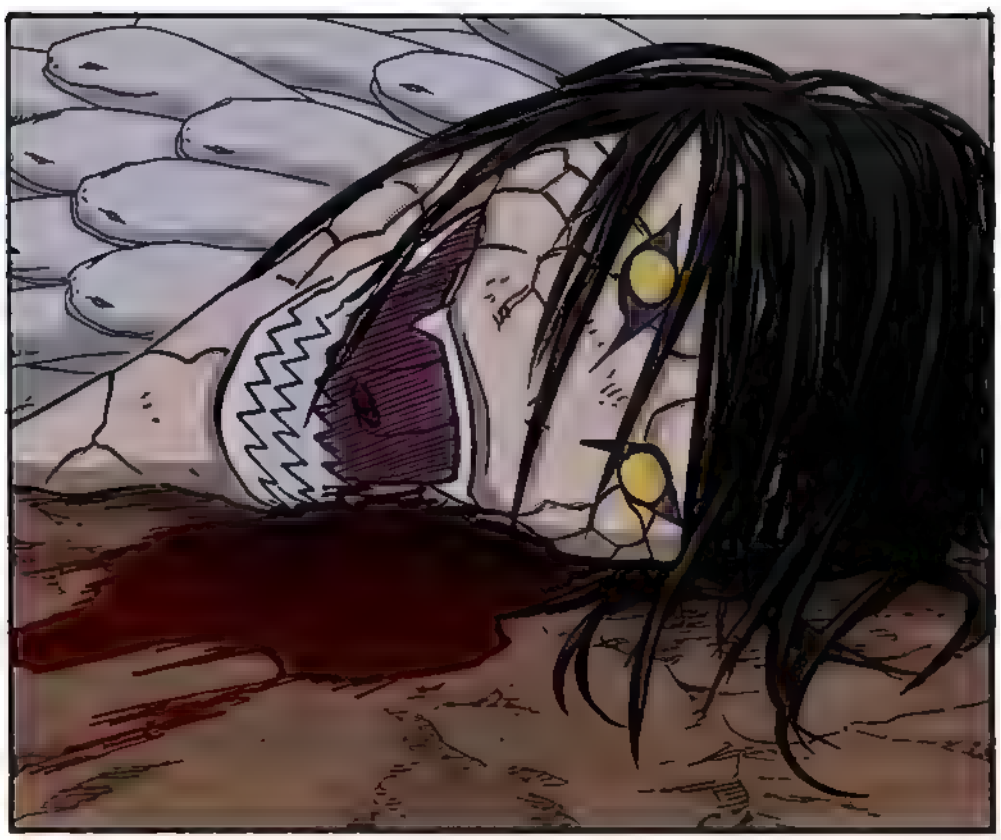
SO... HAS THE RITUAL ALREADY TAKEN PLACE?

THE GIANT SNAKE HAS SHED ITS SKIN...



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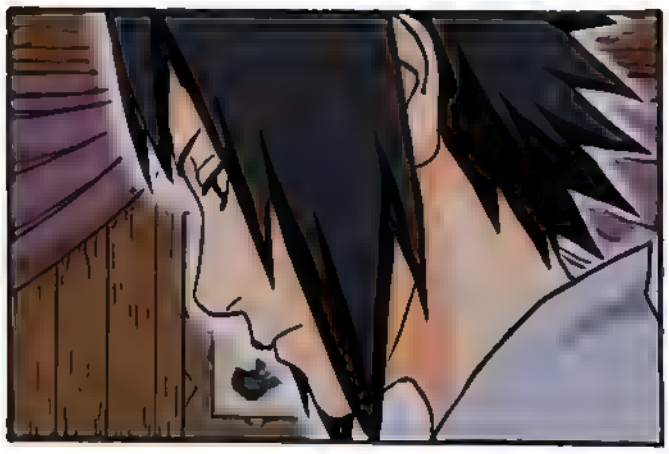

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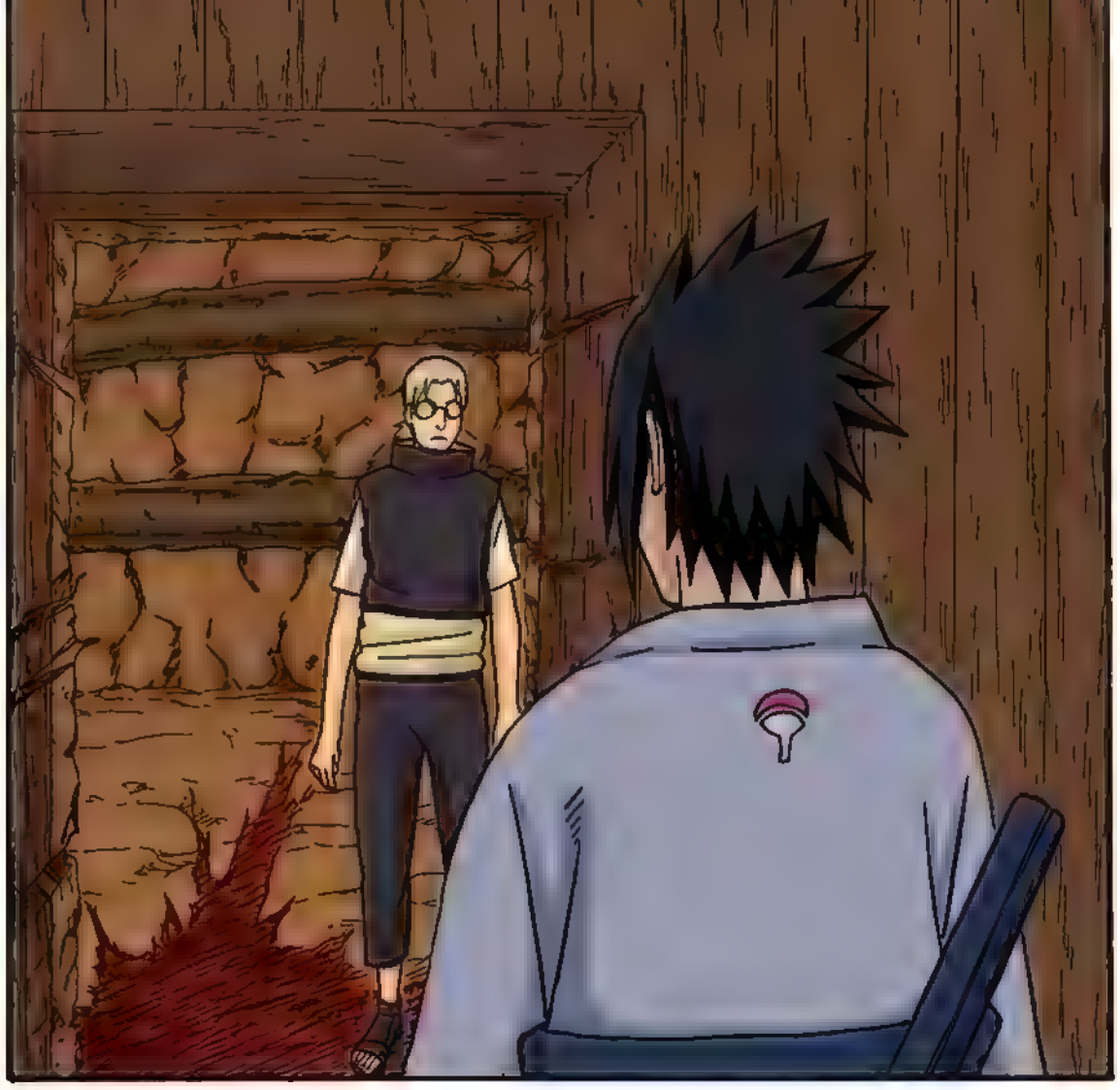

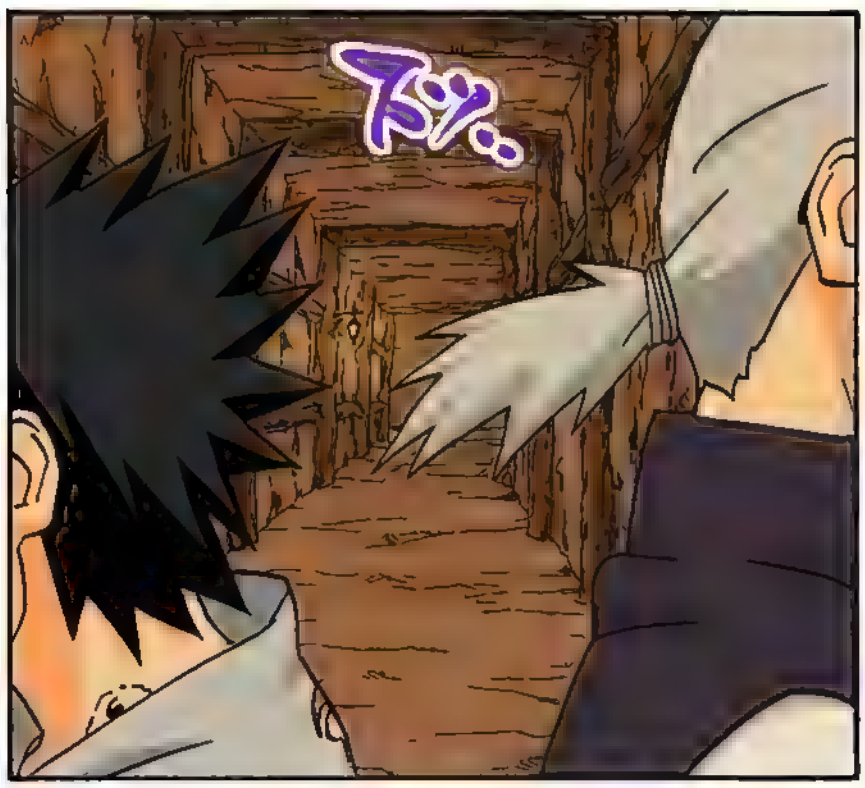

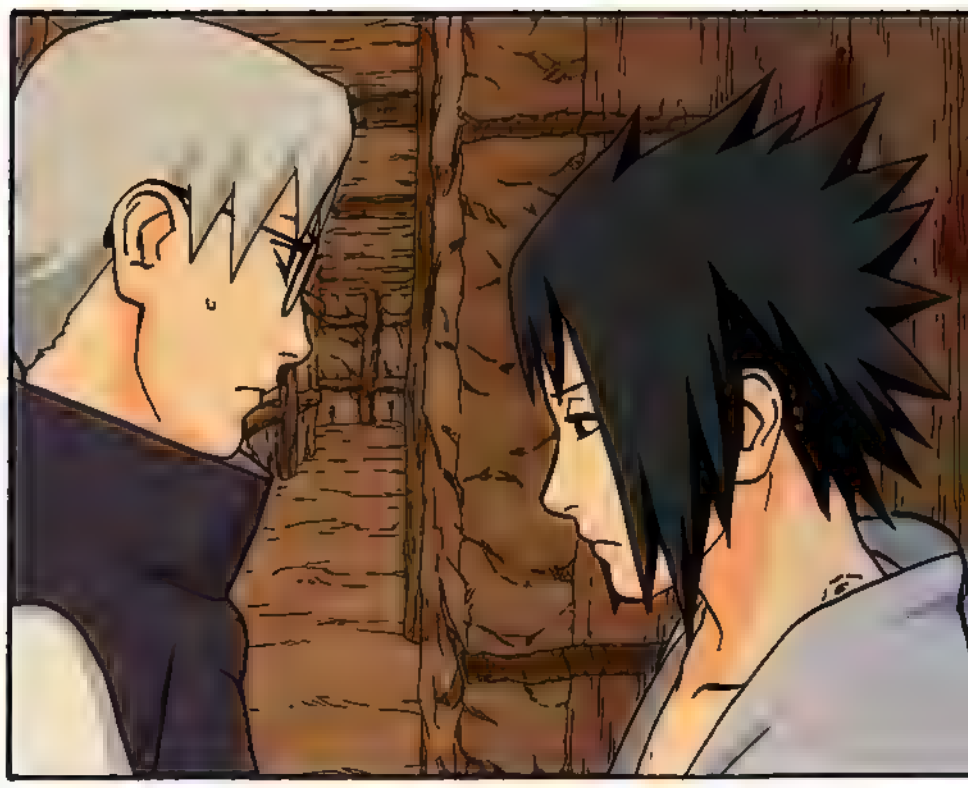

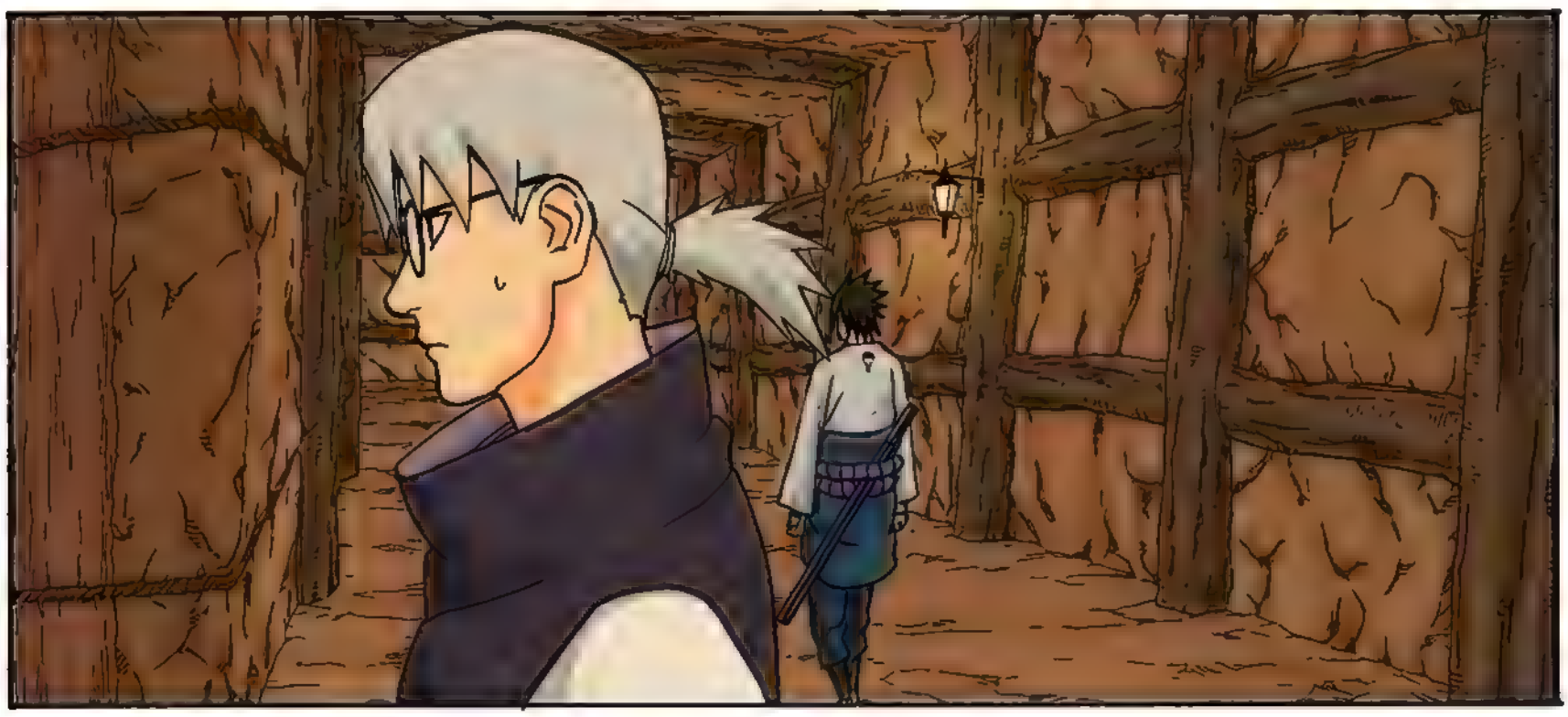

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WHICH ...

WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

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WHICH DO YOU THINK?

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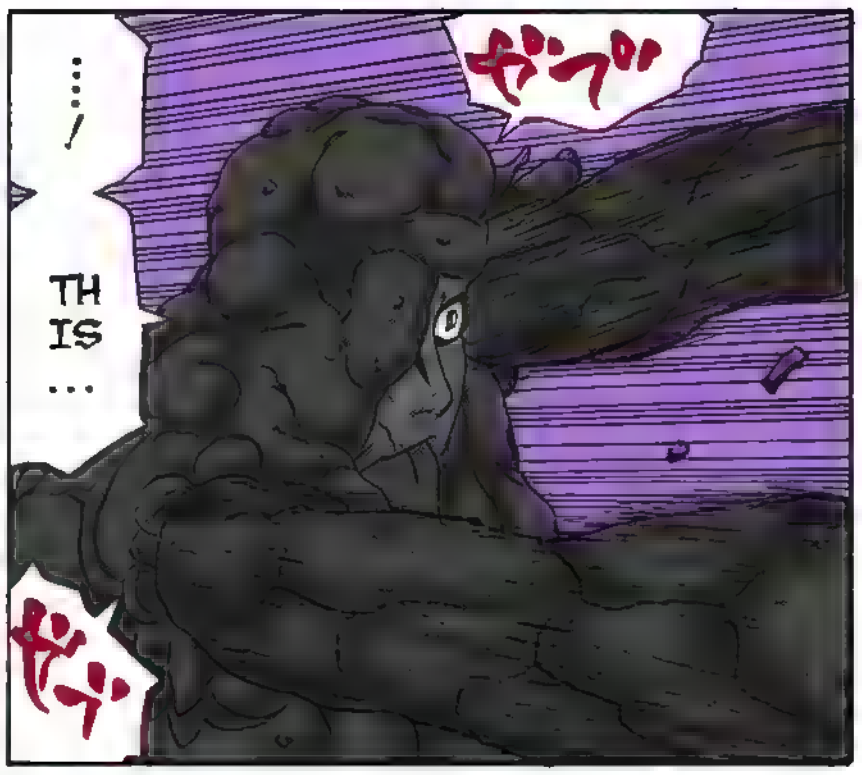

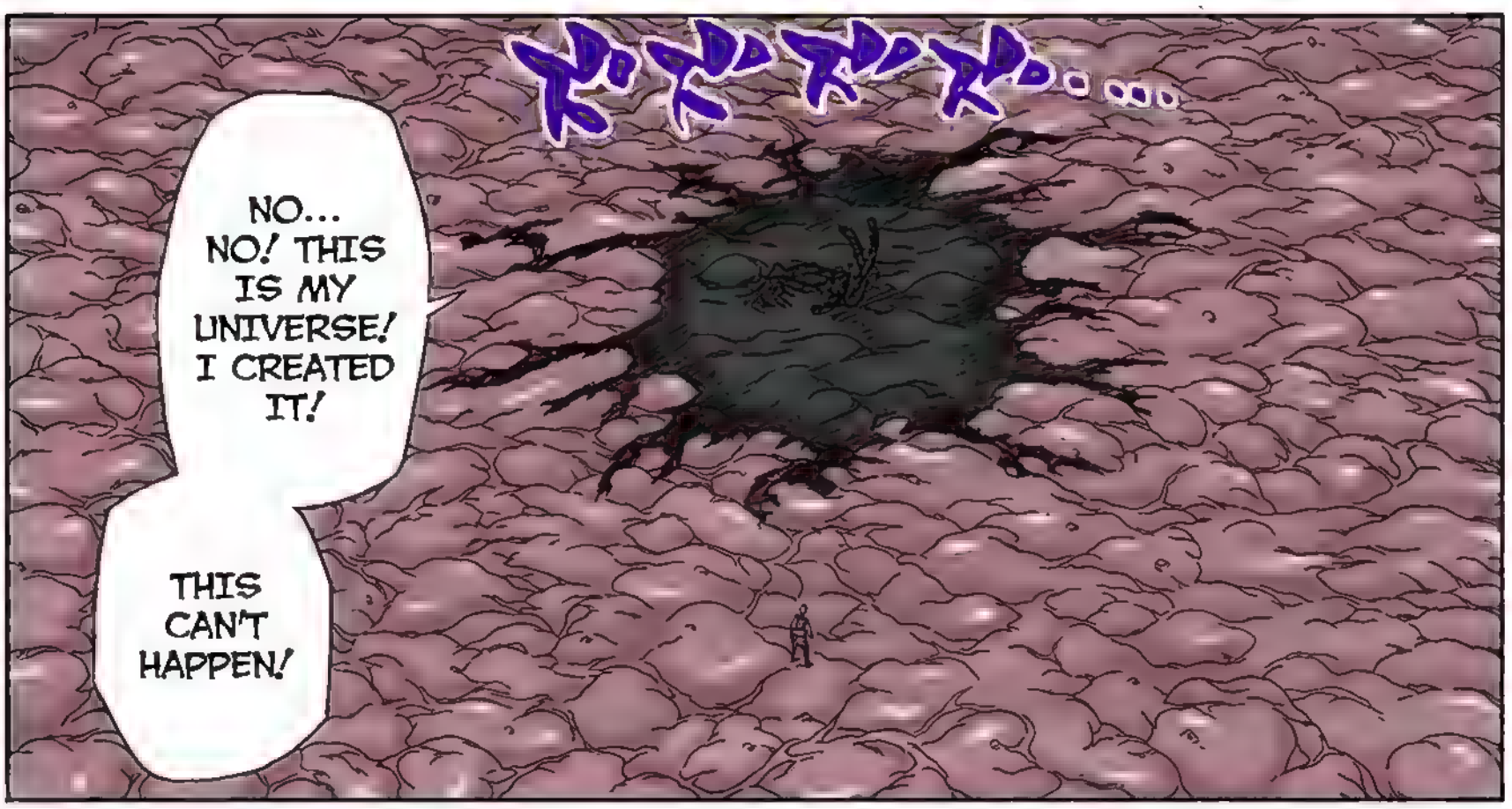

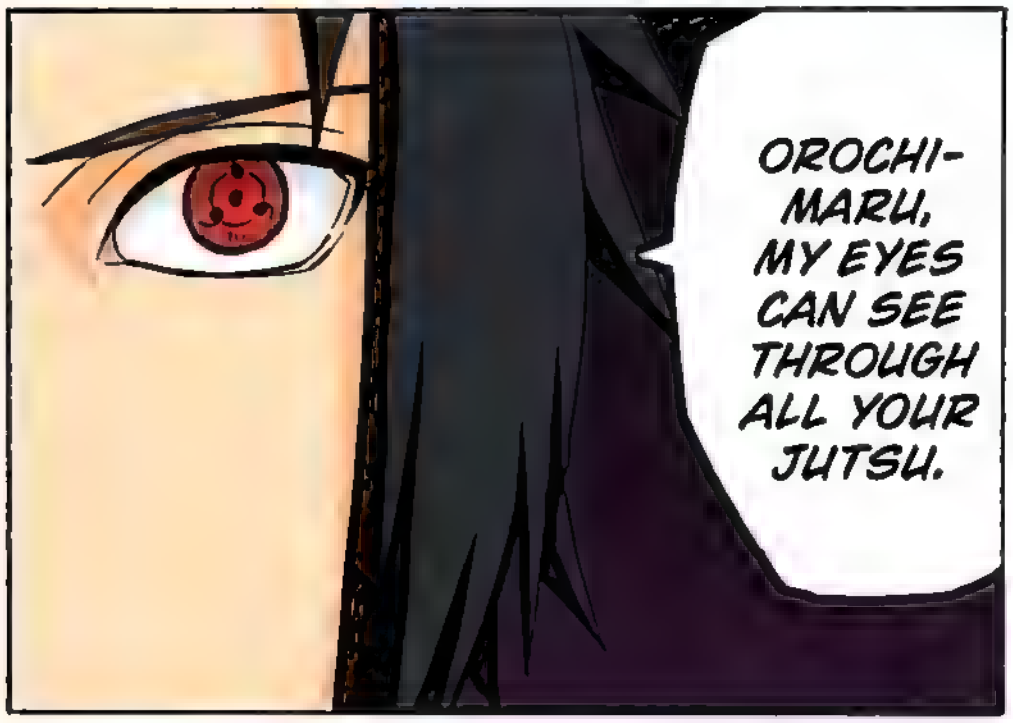

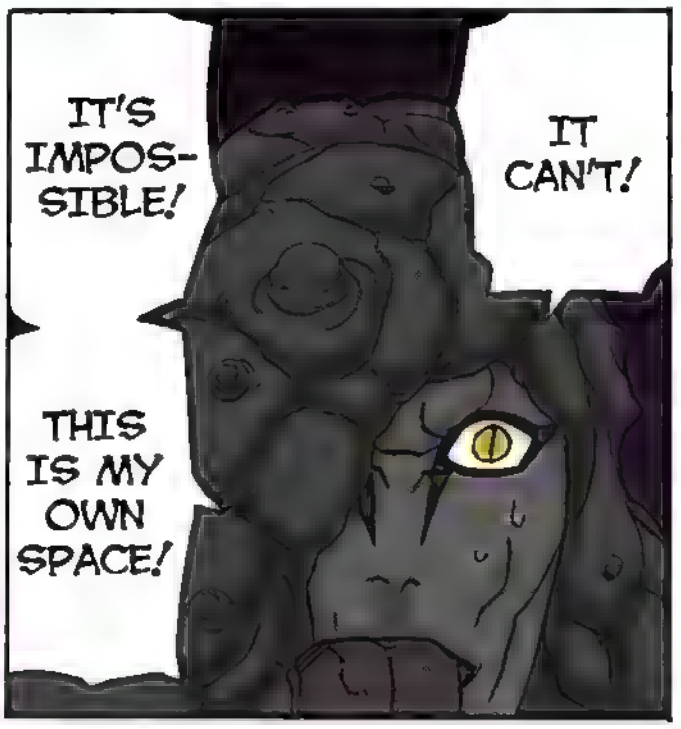

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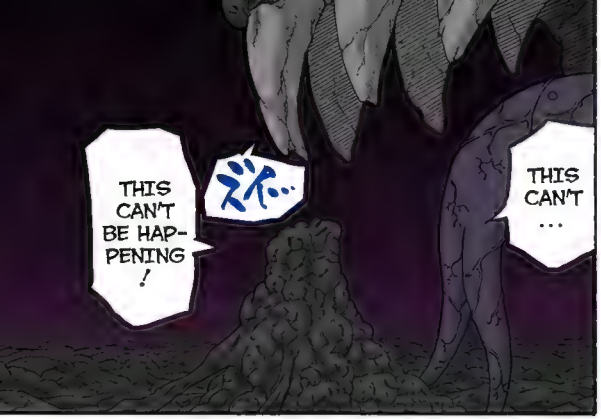
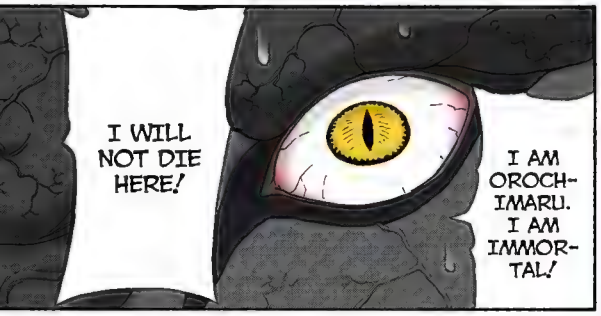
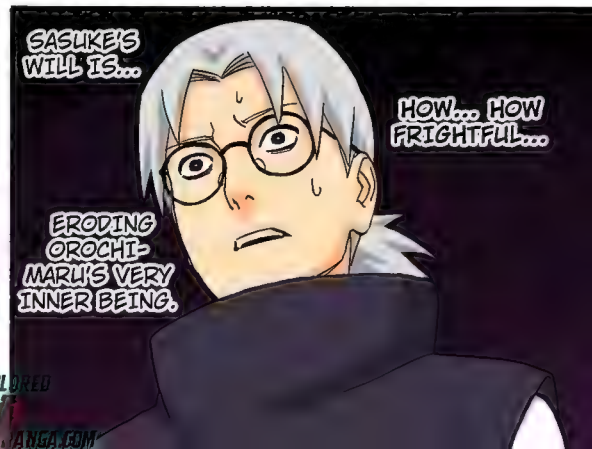

THIS CAN'T BE HAP-PENING!
THIS CAN'T...


I WILL NOT DIE HERE!
I AM OROCH-IMARU. I AM IMMOR-TAL!

I AM THE... ONE WHO WILL RECEIVE... EVERYTHING!!
I...I AM THE ONE WHO... WILL UNLOCK THE MYSTERIES OF NATURE!

ALREADY...
SURELY YOU MUST KNOW...

NO...
UGH...


SASUKE'S WILL IS...
HOW... HOW FRIGHTFUL...
ERODING OROCHI-MARU'S VERY INNER BEING.

LORD OROCH-IMARU ...IS DEAD.

NO... NO, IT'S MORE...

I ABSORBED HIM. THAT'S ALL.

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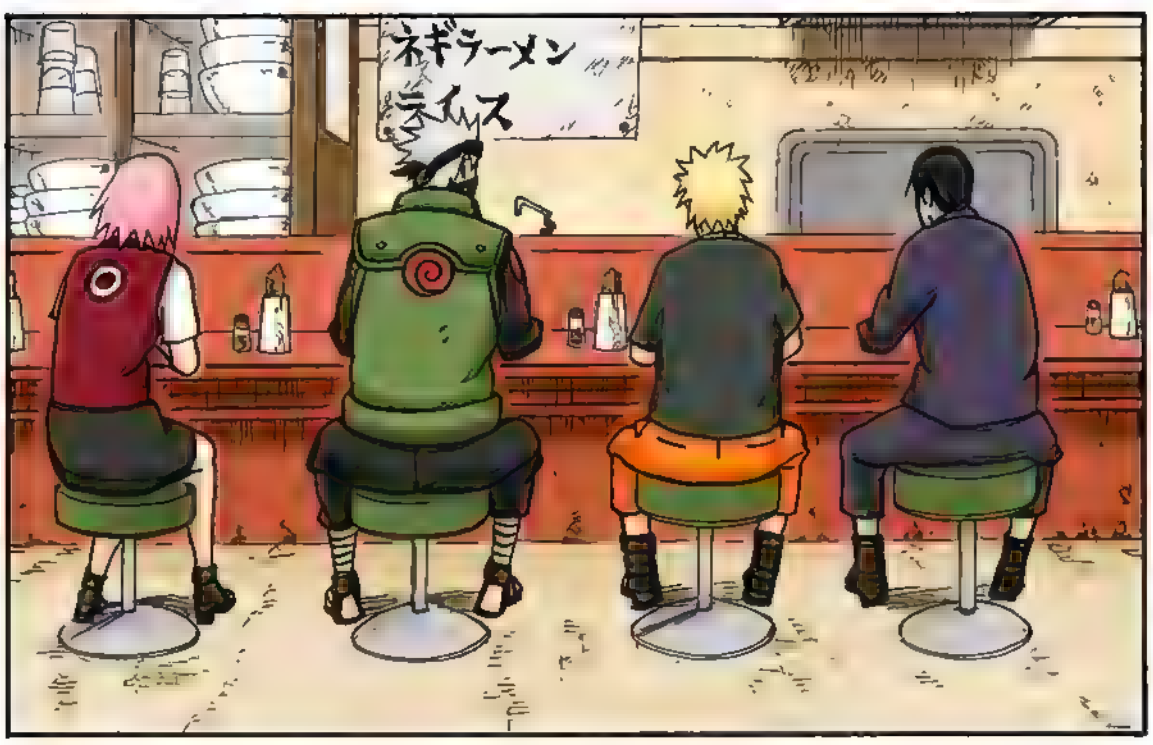

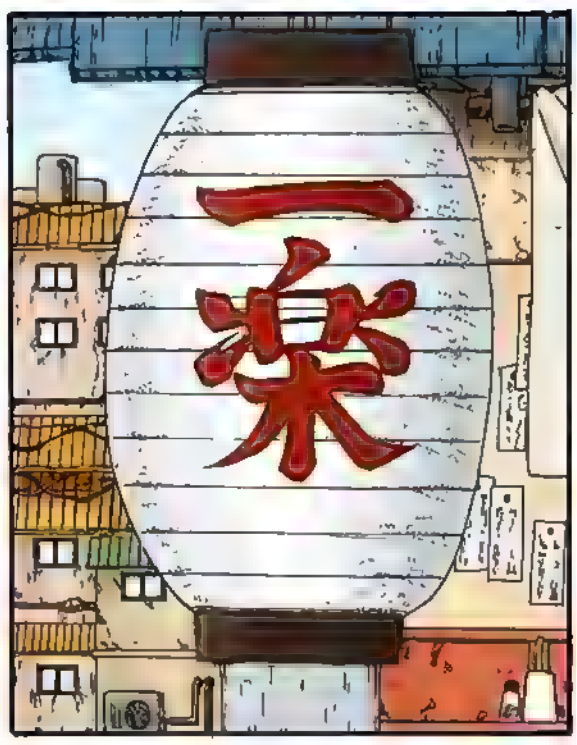

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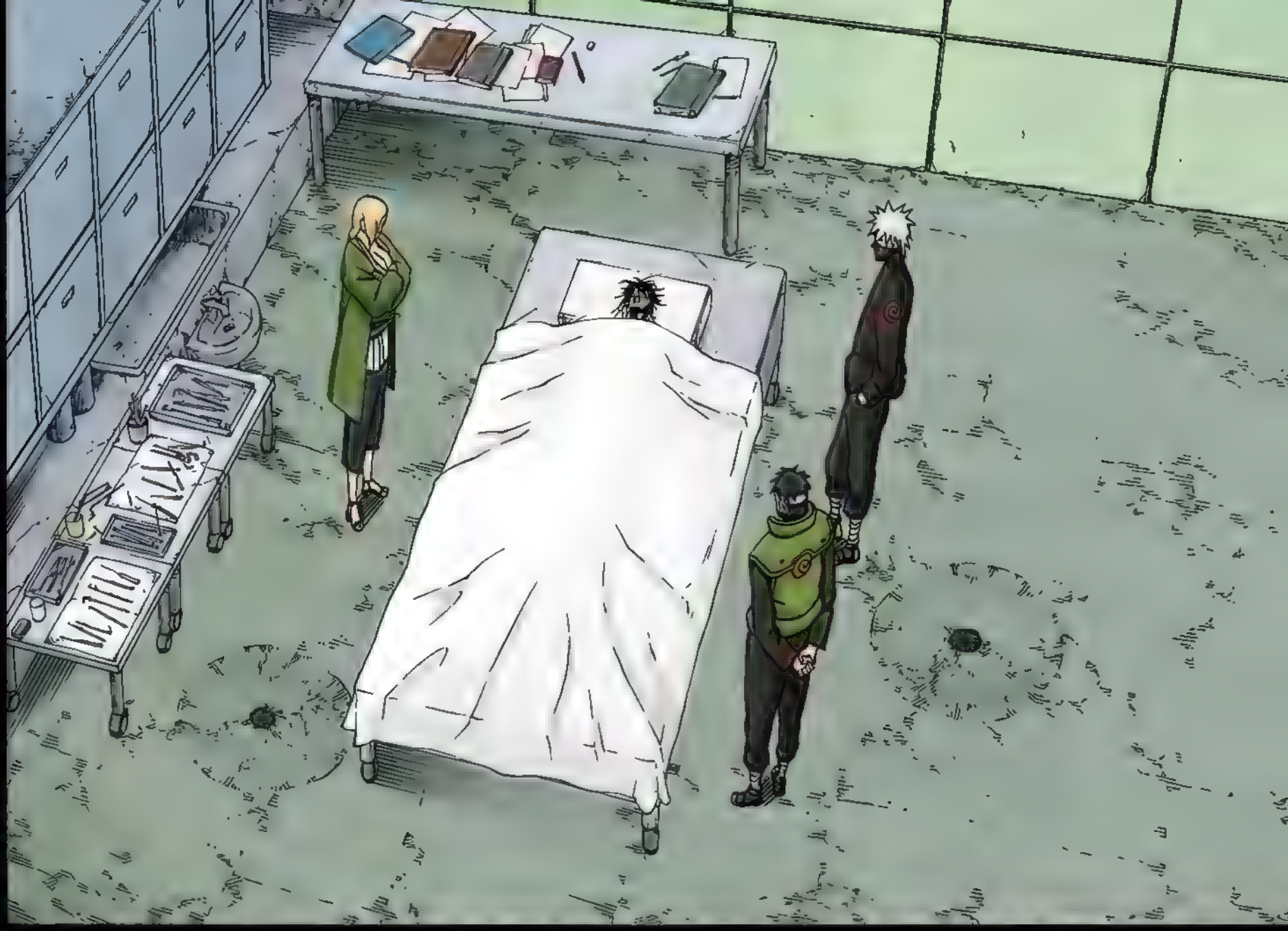
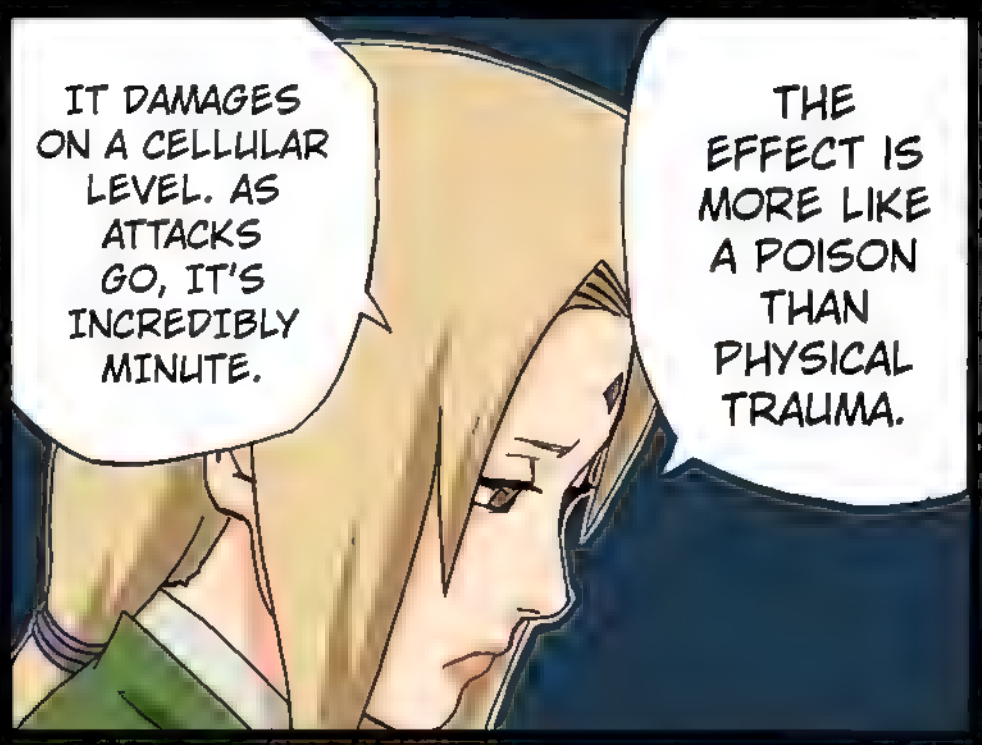


IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE. BUT IT IS SO.
HIS CHAKRA NETWORK HAS BEEN COMPLETELY SEVERED.


IT DAMAGES ON A CELLULAR LEVEL. AS ATTACKS GO, IT'S INCREDIBLY MINUTE.
THE EFFECT IS MORE LIKE A POISON THAN PHYSICAL TRAUMA.

WIND STYLE RASEN-SHURIKEN... HOW VERY THOROUGH ...

I BELIEVE IT SHAPES THE WIND CHAKRA INTO AN ARMADA OF TINY SWORDS...

AND SYSTEMATICALLY ATTACKS EVERY CELL IN THE BODY.

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I SUPPOSE, THEN, IT WOULD BE MORE PRACTICAL TO SPEAK IN TERMS OF CONCENTRATION, RATHER THAN IN NUMBER OF ATTACKS?

HMMM ... POISON INDEED.

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THAT'S SOME JUTSU ...

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SO... HOW'S NARUTO?

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FIGURED AS MUCH...

THERE'S OUR REAL PROB-LEM.

WELL ...

KAKASHI ...

DON'T ALLOW NARUTO TO USE RASEN-SHURIKEN EVER AGAIN.

THAT BAD, HUH.

!?

NOT AS SEVERE, GRANTED, BUT THE SAME.

I SAW THOSE SAME SYMPTOMS IN NARUTO'S RIGHT HAND.

IT COMES WITH A RISK...

IT IS A POWERFUL JUTSU...

HE'LL ALTOGETHER LOSE HIS ABILITY TO WIELD CHAKRA...

IF NARUTO CONTINUES TO USE THE JUTSU, THEN BEFORE LONG...

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BE SURE THAT NARUTO UNDERSTANDS THIS IMPLICITLY.

ONCE A CELL OF THE BODY IS CUT OFF FROM ITS KEIRAKUKEI, IT'S BEYOND MY ABILITY TO HEAL IT. EVEN WITH MY MEDICAL NINJUTSU...

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NARUTO ...ABOUT THAT NEW JUTSU...

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...WAY BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE DOES!

I KNOW HOW I FEEL...

HRRM ...

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THAT'S HOW INCREDIBLE I AM! SO DON'T WORRY!

REMEMBER, I'M GONNA BE HOKAGE!

IT'S ON MASTER KAKASHI'S TAB!

THANKS FOR THE FOOD!

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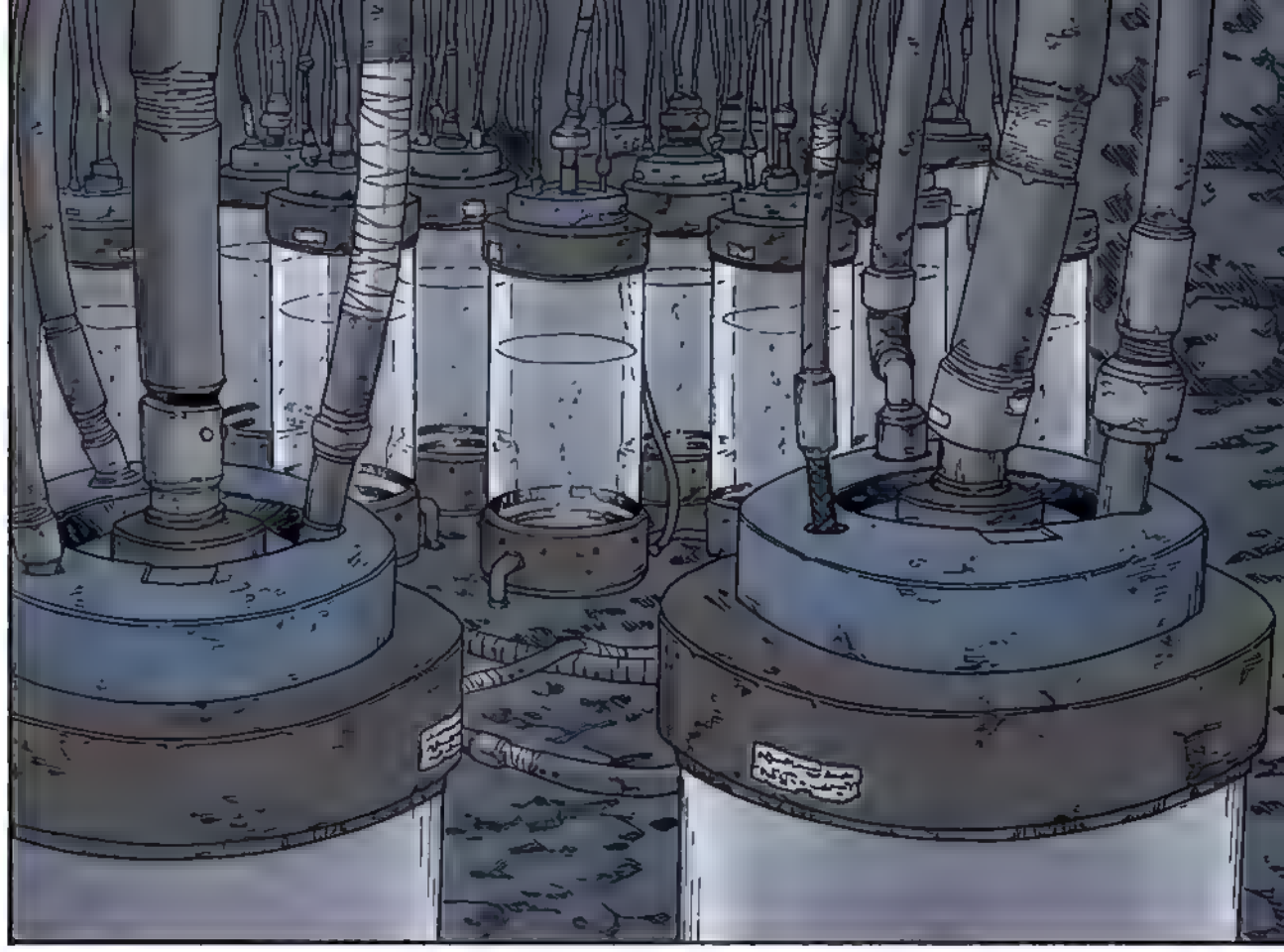

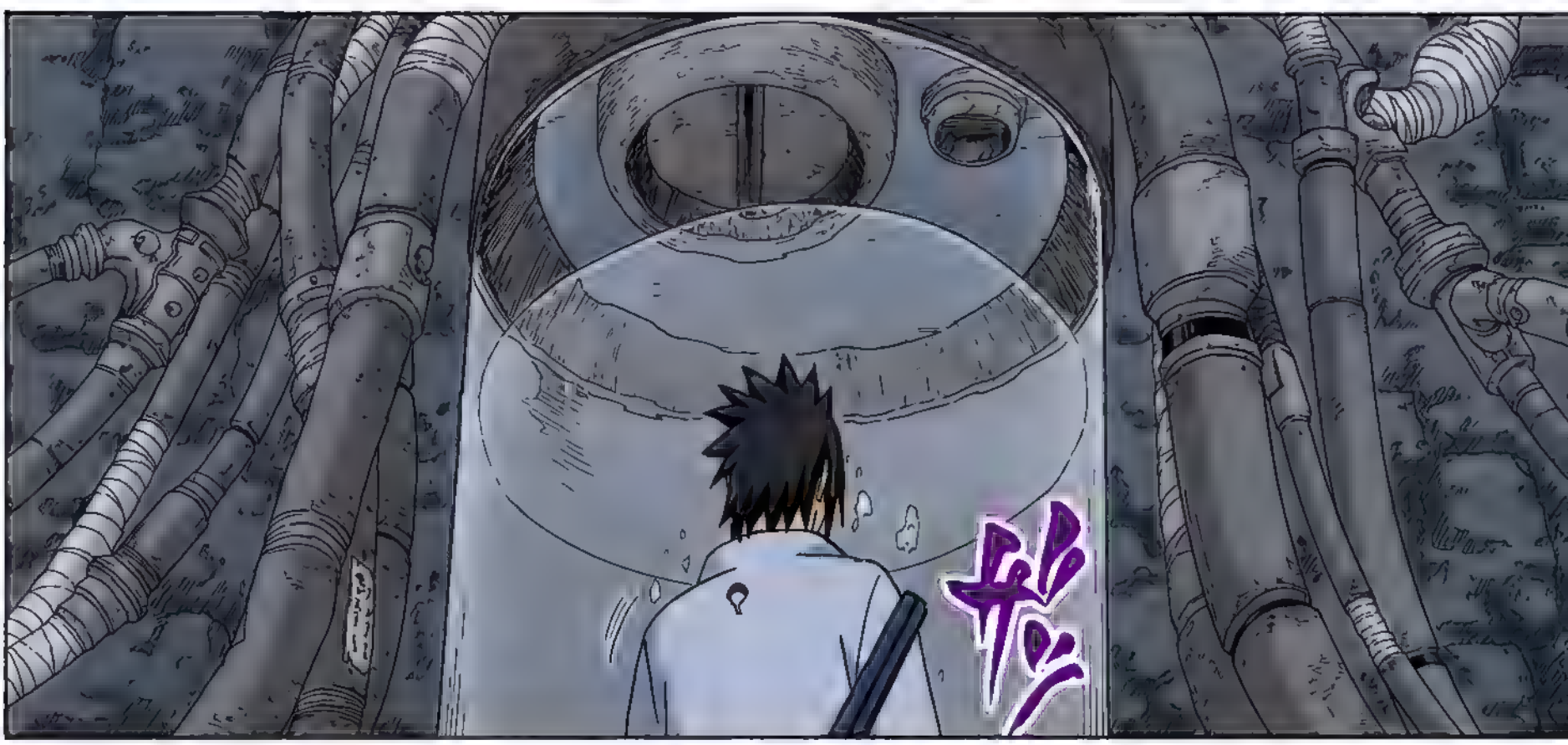

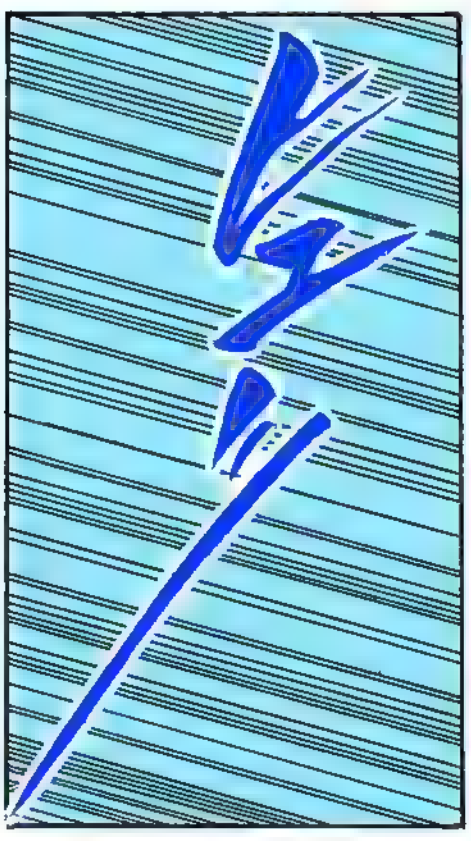

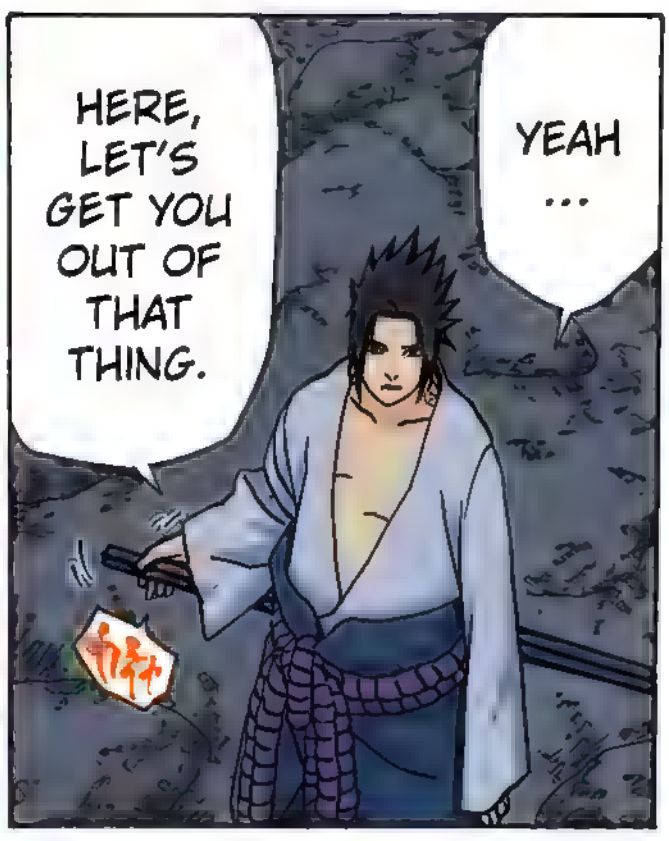

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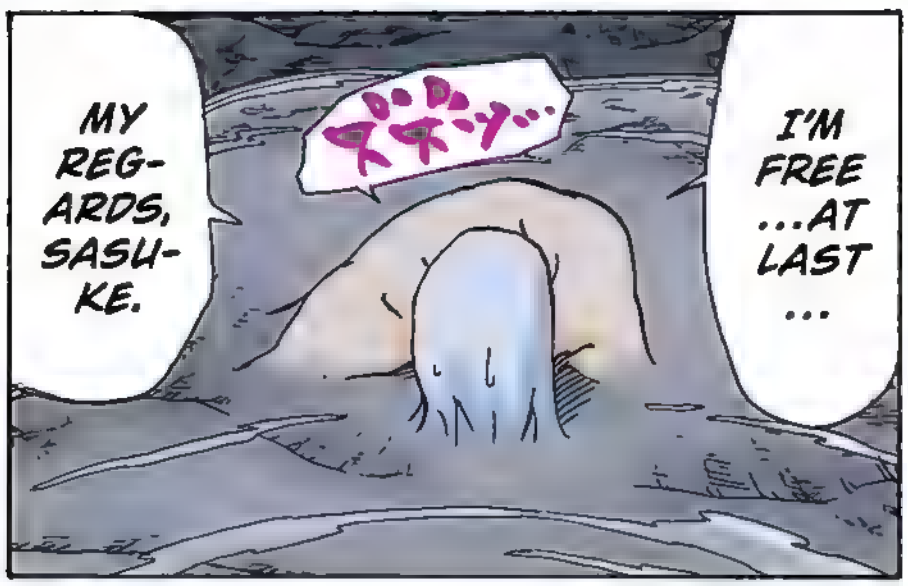

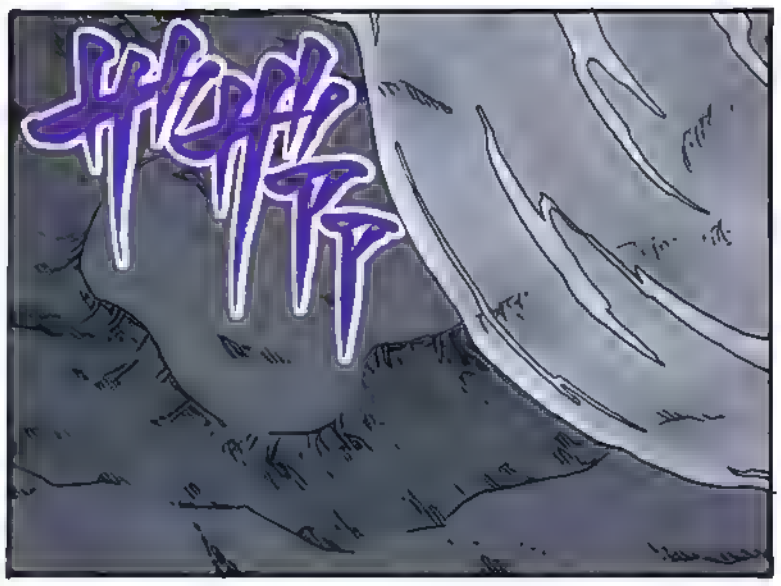

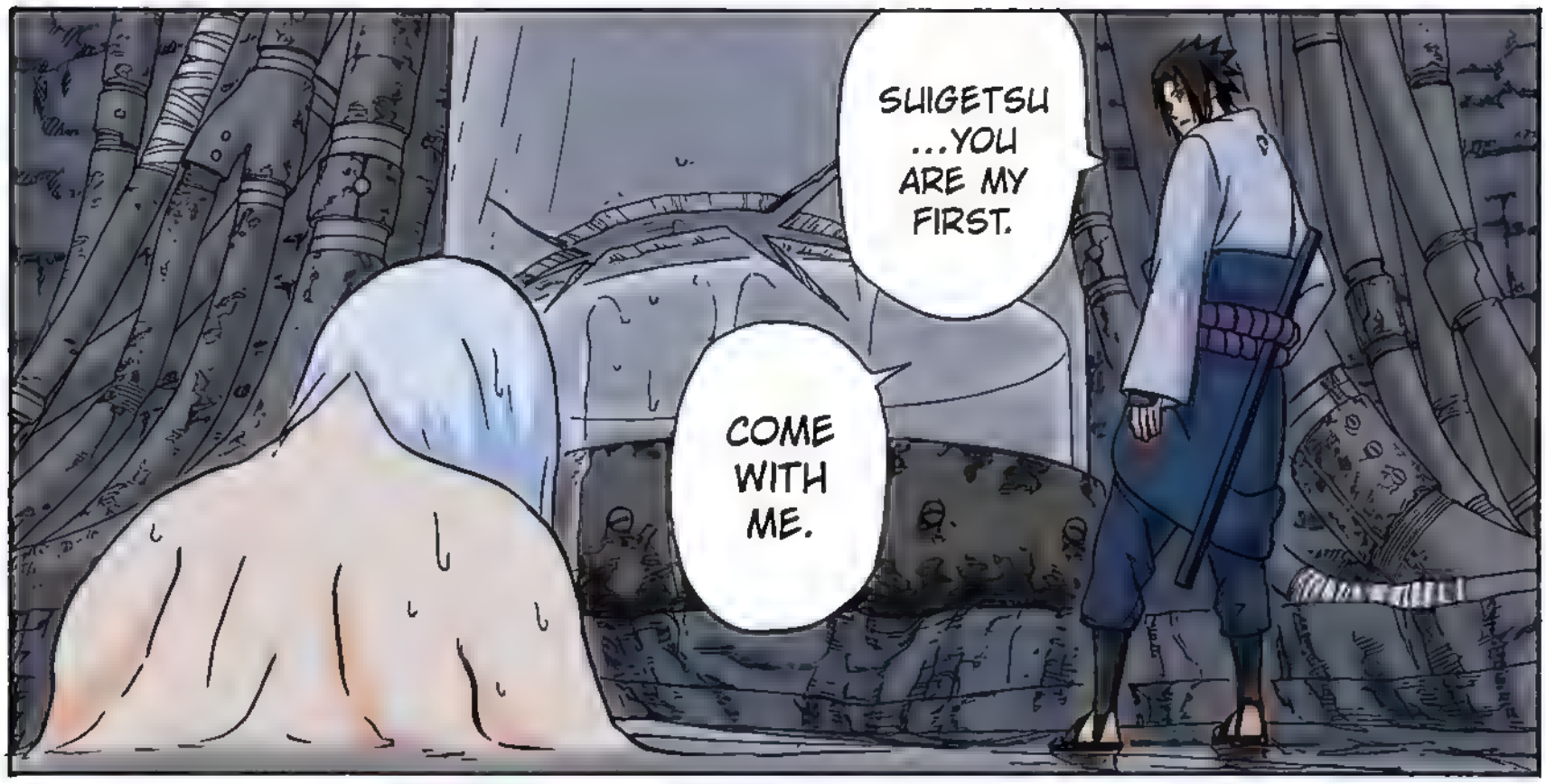

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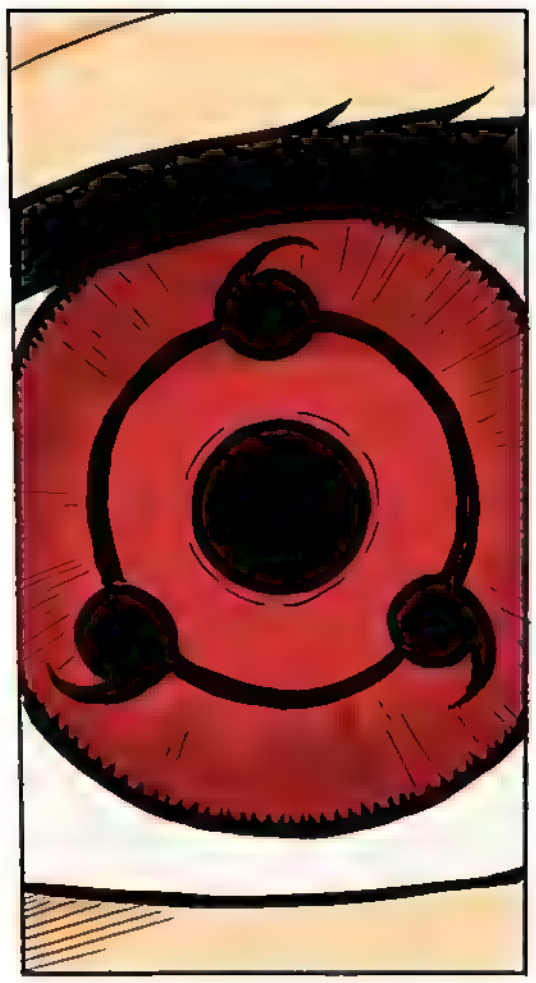

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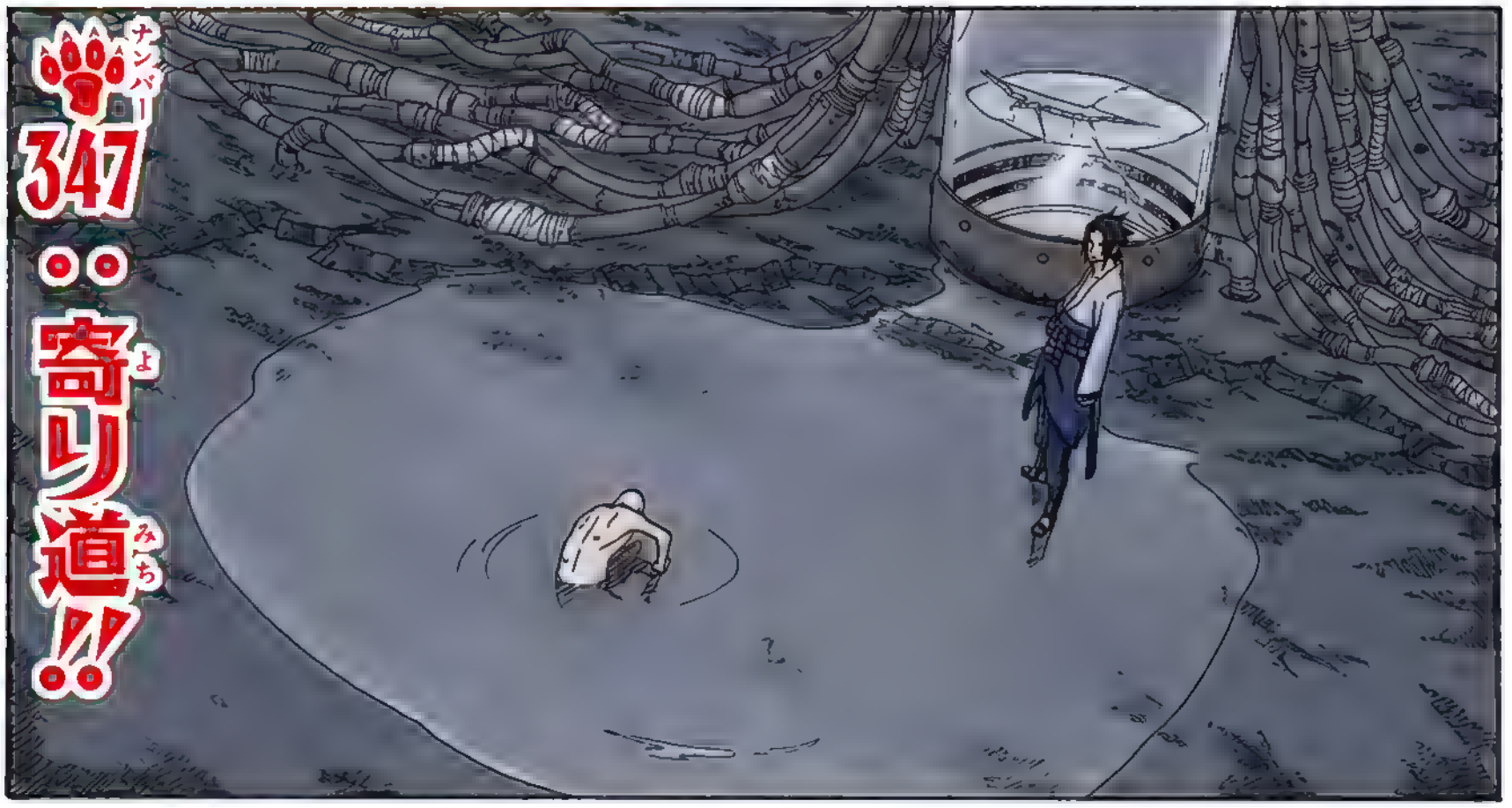

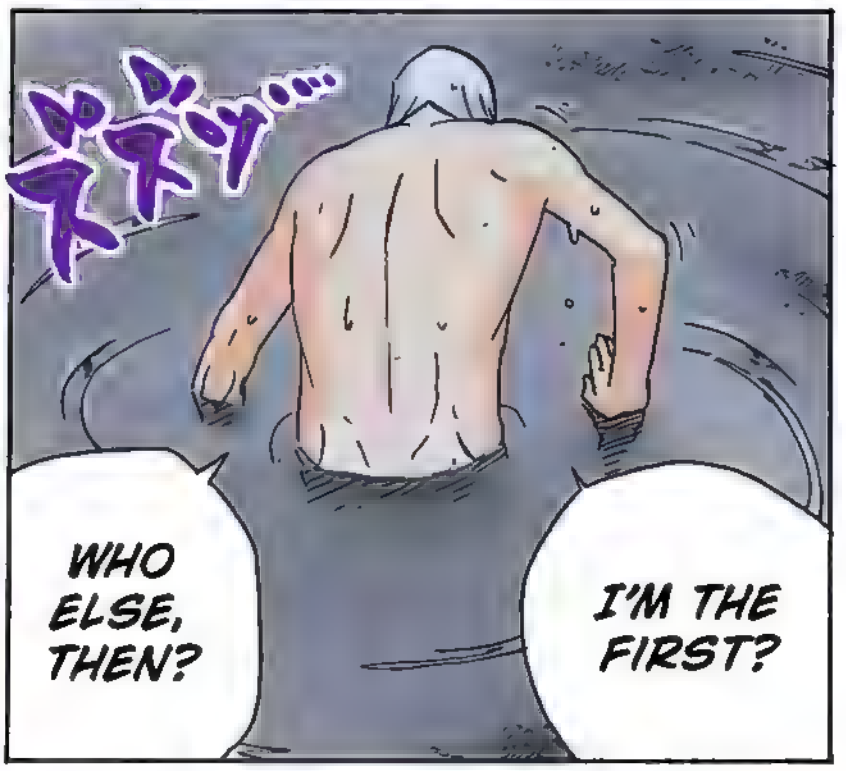

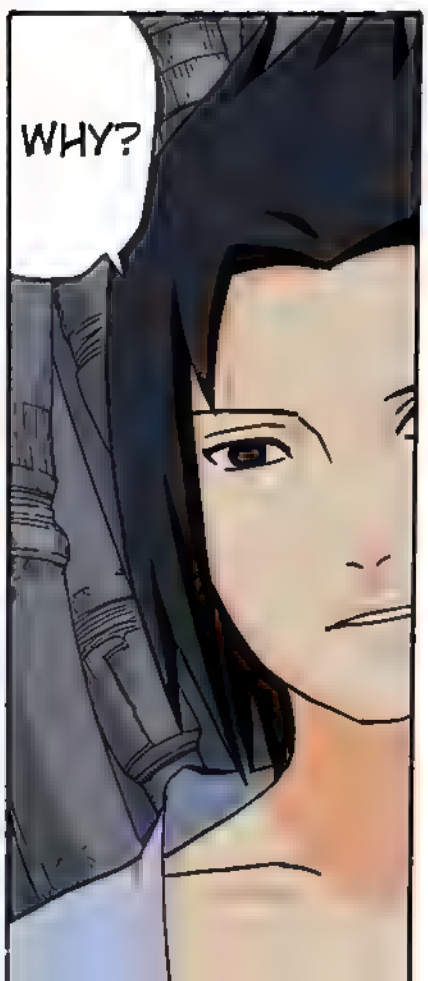

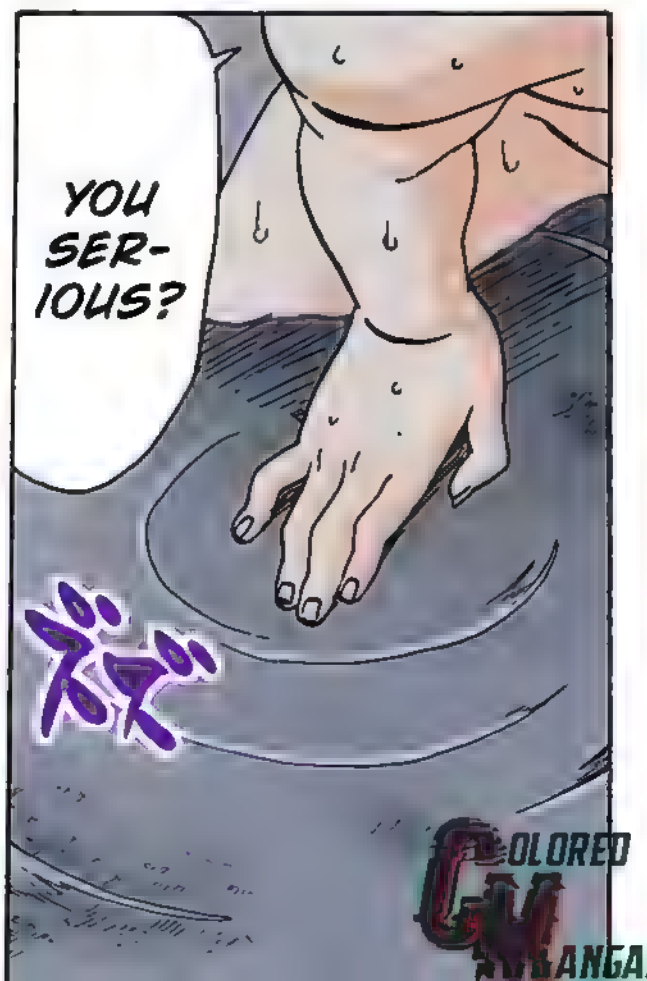

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I JUST DON'T THINK WE'D GET ALONG, IS ALL.

WELL... I'M NOT PARTICULARLY FOND OF THEM.

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347: A DETOUR!!

HEH ...

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IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT I'VE NO OBJECTIONS.

OF COURSE ...AFTER ALL, YOU DID SAVE ME.

JUST COOP-ERATE.

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE FRIENDS.

STILL, SASUKE, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D GO FOR THEM.

WE'RE GOING.

JUST SHUT UP AND GET DRESSED

OH DEAR. THE WAY YOU TALK ...

HA HA...

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SHALL WE?

FIRST, LET'S CLARIFY OUR RELATIONSHIP ...

WE WERE ALL AIMING FOR IT.

SOONER OR LATER, SOMEONE WAS BOUND TO KILL HIM.

YOU MAY HAVE DEFEATED OROCHIMARU, BUT THAT ALONE DOESN'T MAKE YOU MY LEADER.

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YOU HAD ALL THE ADVANTAGE YOU NEEDED.

YOU WERE HIS FAVORITE. HE LET YOU STAY BY HIS SIDE WHILE THE REST OF US SLEPT IN CAGES.

LOOK AT US TWO. RIGHT NOW, I HAVE THE ADVAN-TAGE.

YOUR POINT IS?

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THAT WAS A PRETTY BAD SPOT I PUT YOU IN, AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN BLINK.

SO IT WASN'T LUCK, THEN. THAT'S REASSURING.

FORGET IT. JUST TESTING.

IT WAS YOUR PLATOON, WASN'T IT THAT TOOK DOWN MY PREDECESSOR, MOMOCHI ZABUZA?

I'VE HEARD HOW STRONG YOU ARE.

THERE'S A PLACE I WANT TO SWING BY.

BUT BEFORE WE GO AND FETCH THE OTHERS...

SURE, I'LL COME WITH YOU.

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WHAT? WHAT'S GOING ON?

YOU CAN CAST SHADOW DOPPEL-GANGERS NOW?

OKAY NARUTO ... HERE GOES!

C'MON!

ALL RIGHT. COME SHOW ME HOW YOU'VE BEEN TRAININ'.

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ART OF ONNA-NOKO

THAT'S YOUR NEW MOVE?!

AWW-WHHH!!

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SAY NO MORE!

BLARGH!!

WHAT D'YA THINK OF THAT NARUTO?!

YOU SEE, WITH TWO GIRLS, ITS EVEN-

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ERR... IT'S A FORM OF DIVERSION SEE...

AND THIS IS A, ERR, SERIOUS PROJECT BETWEEN US TWO...I MEAN, COMPETITION...

IS THIS WHAT YOU GUYS DO WHEN YOU GET TOGETHER ?!

IS IT?!

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DISTRACT THE ENEMY?

THE ONLY ONES YOU'LL BE DISTRACTING ARE YOURSELVES!!

WELL, DON'T PUT YOURSELVES OUT!

C'MON!!

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ART OF OTOKO-NOKO TACHI!

WHAT'S UP WITH THAT!

AAA-AHH!!

OH.

THAT'S ...ME AND... SASUKE?

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SO MAYBE THAT IS TOO MUCH MESSING AROUND

AWK!

OOP!

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OKAY, TIME TO LAY OFF THE NEW FANTASY JUTSU, ALRIGHT?

WHY DON'T YOU WORK ON SOMETHING MORE PRACTICAL AND REAL THAN THAT...

Y... YEAH...

I KNEW IT...!

HEH,

UH... WAIT I DIDN'T MEAN ...

NO, THAT'S NOT... REALLY I DIDN'T MEAN THAT I...

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WHAT'S UP SASUKE?

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(THE GREAT NARUTO BRIDGE)

HMPH ...

THERE. SUIGET-SU.

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IT'S NOTHING. C'MON.

SASUKE?

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SORRY, MASTER ZABUZA. THIS IS MINE NOW.

NEVER THOUGHT I'D FIND THIS HERE.

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PRETTY HEAVY ...

THIS IS THE EXECUTIONER'S BLADE: THE SWORD OF THE DEMON ZABUZA FROM THE VILLAGE OF BLOODY MIST

YOU SURE YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE IT?

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THE WEAPON OF THE SEVEN NINJA SWORDSMEN HAS BEEN HANDED DOWN, GENERATION TO GENERATION. IT'S THE TRADITION.

AND... ALL THESE YEARS I'VE TRAINED, I'VE DONE IT ONLY OUT OF REVERENCE FOR THE SEVEN NINJA.

BESIDES, IF YOU GOT TO HAVE JUGO...

THIS SWORD WILL DEFINITELY COME IN HANDY.

SO LONG AS I HAVE THIS SWORD, NOT EVEN YOU CAN TOUCH ME... MAYBE.

OKAY, SASUKE. FROM HERE, LET'S SHOOT FOR WHICHEVER HIDEOUT IS CLOSER.

HEH.

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OROCHI-MARU MAY BE DEAD, BUT THAT DOESN'T LEAVE YOU FREE TO ACT AS YOU PLEASE!

UWAAHH!!

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COULD IT BE..

THAT CHAKRA...

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348: AND ONE MAKES THREE!!

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WHY ARE YOU DRAGGING A TEAM TOGETHER?

YEAH?

I HAVE TO ASK.

EVER SINCE I JOINED OROCHIMARU ...

I'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR THIS. I ALWAYS TAKE NOTE OF SHINOBI WHO CATCH MY EYE.

OKAY... SO WHY ME?

AND A SMALL TEAM...

...WILL LET ME REACH THAT GOAL FASTER.

I HAVE A GOAL.

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WELL, IF THAT'S YOUR GAME, YOU COULD DO BETTER THAN KARIN.

UNLIKE ME, SHE'S A TRUE BELIEVER.

HEH ...

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SHE IRRITATES ME.

SHE USED ME FOR EXPERIMENTS.

TRUE... I CAN'T DENY THAT.

BUT SHE HAS A SPECIAL ABILITY...

ONE THAT NO ONE ELSE POSSES-SES.

SURE. THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER SHINOBI JUST AS STRONG YET FAR EASIER TO HANDLE.

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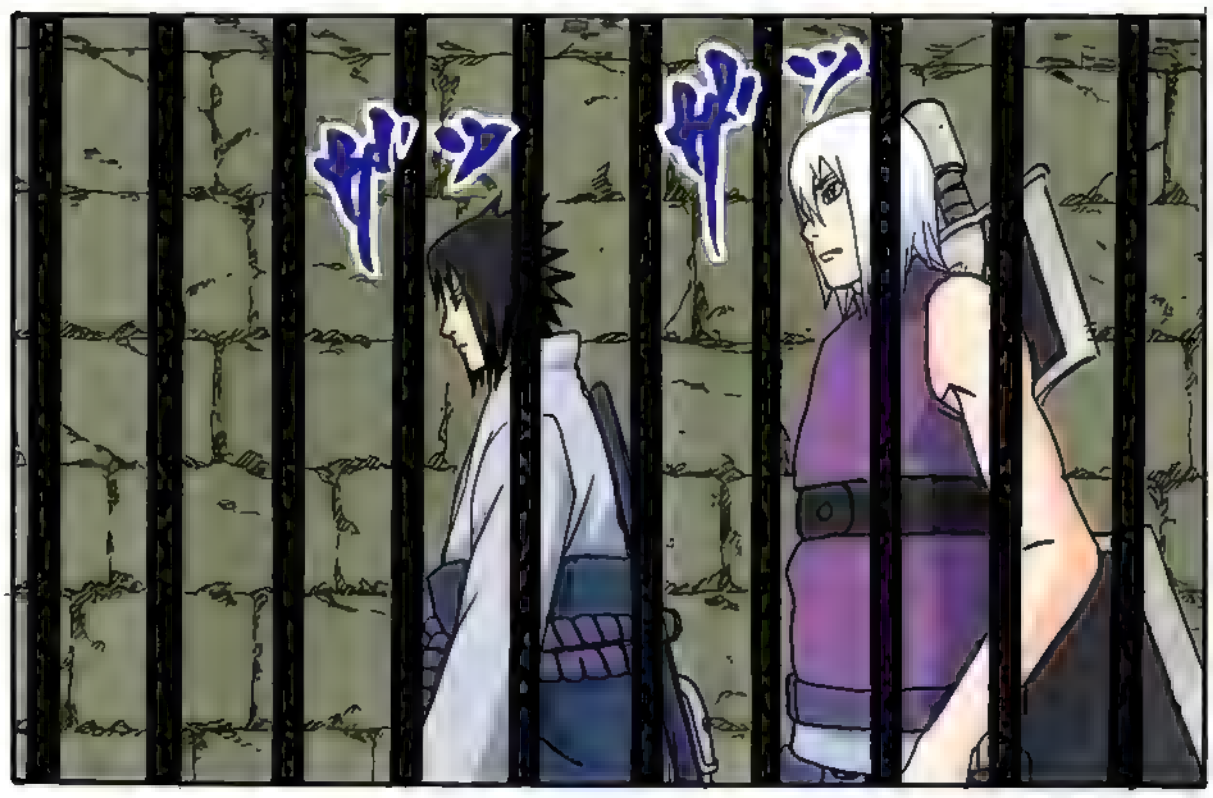

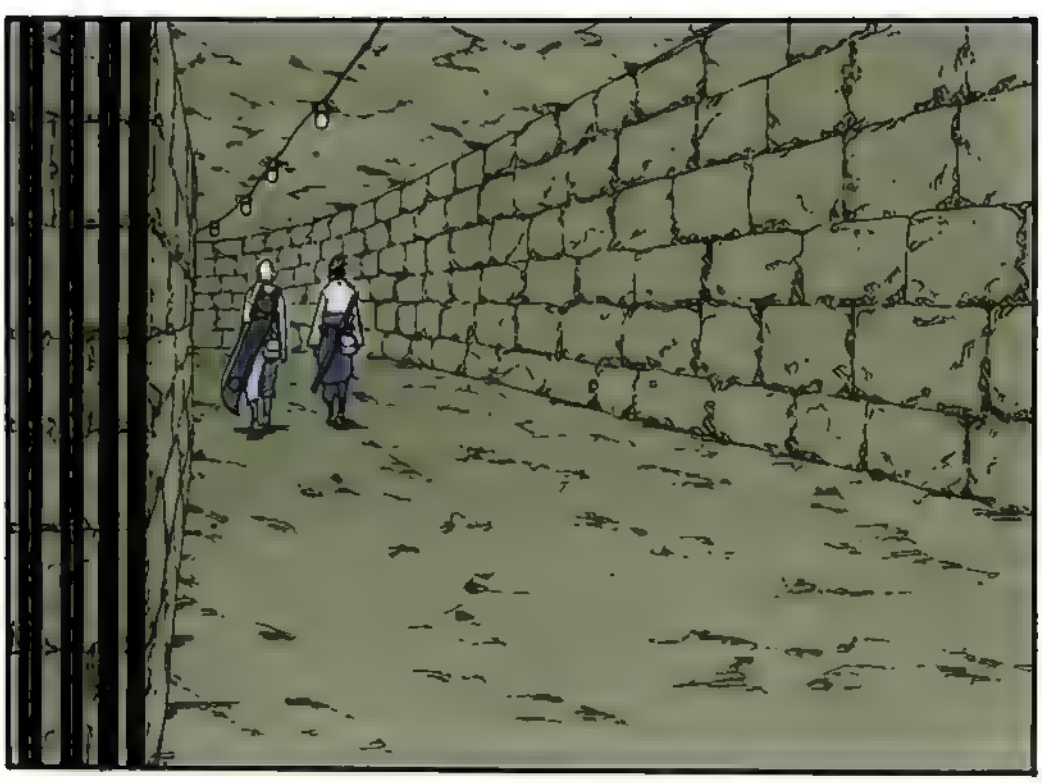

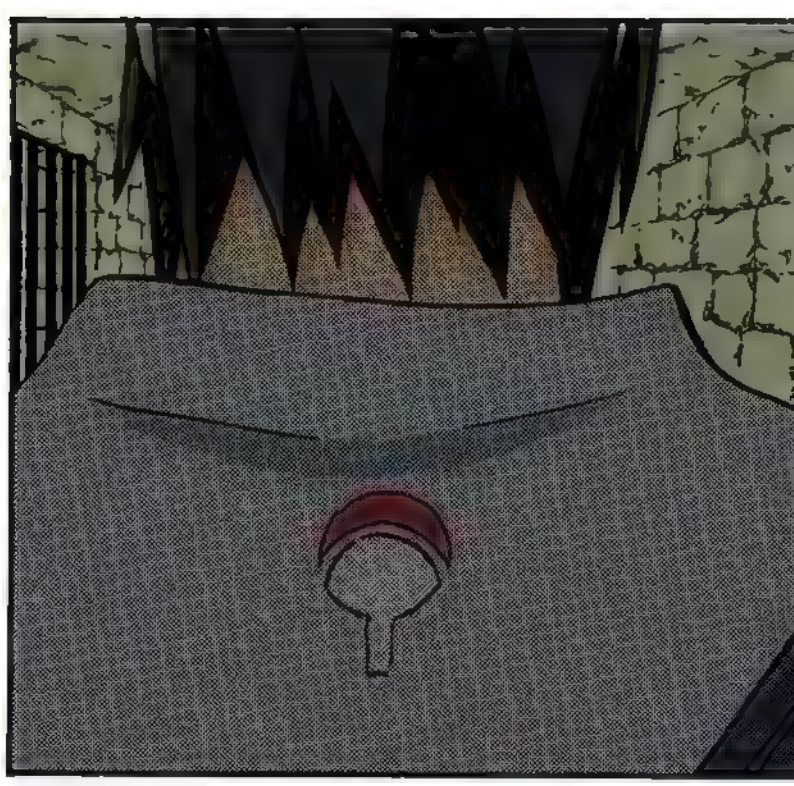

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WAIT... SASUKE... HERE ALONE... WITHOUT OROCHI-MARU?

MAYBE IT WASN'T JUST A RUMOR?

WHY IS HE HERE?

ISN'T THAT UCHIHA SASUKE?

OROCHI-MARU CAN'T BE DEFEATED.

LISTEN TO YOUR-SELF. DON'T BE AN IDIOT.

HE KILLED OROCHI-MARU!

IT MUST BE TRUE!

AND HE'S COME TO SET US FREE!!

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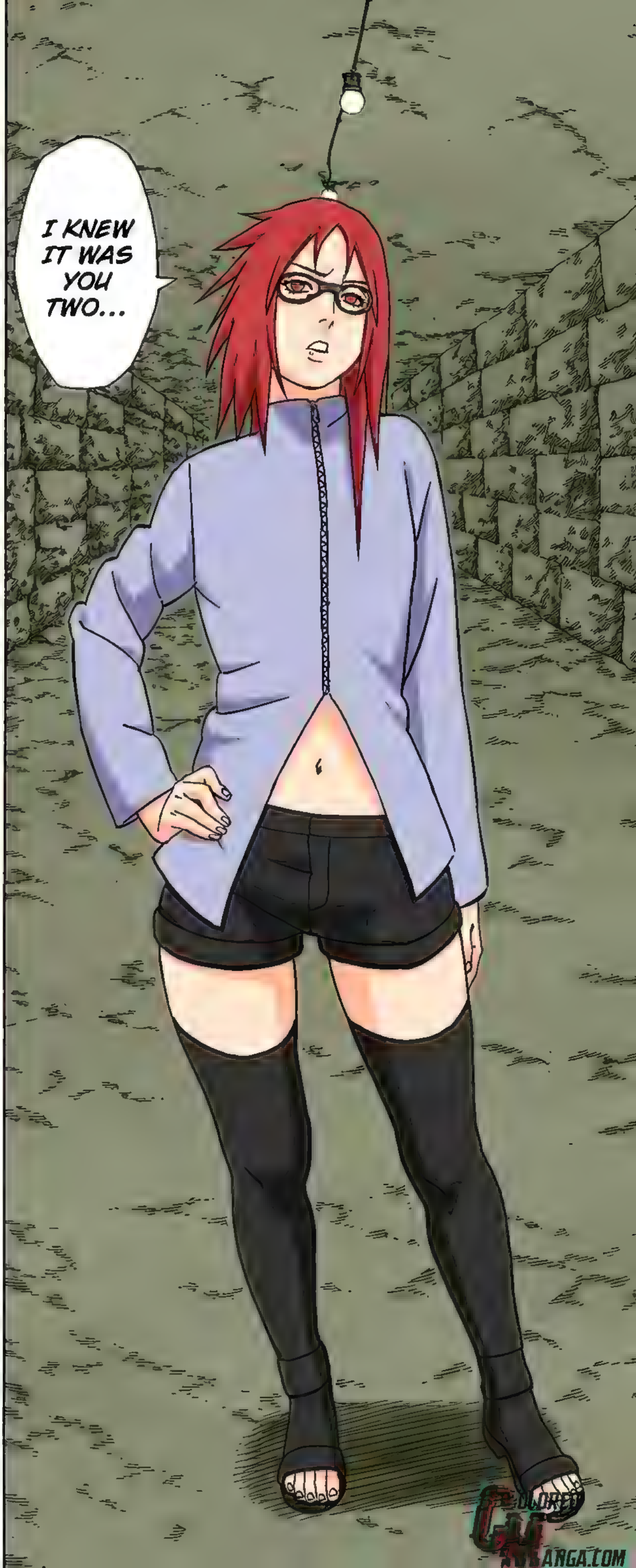
I KNEW IT WAS YOU TWO...

HEY, WHAT AM I, A HUNK OF MEAT?

ALL RIGHT... WHAT DO YOU WANT?

SASUKE. WITHOUT A CHAPERONE, SEE.

SO IT WASN'T JUST A RUMOR, WAS IT

HMPH ...

SASUKE WANTS TO TALK TO YOU.

SHOW US TO A ROOM WHERE WE CAN SIT DOWN AND CHAT. I'M BUSHED. NOT USED TO WALKING SO FAR.

KARIN, JOIN ME.

I NEED YOU.

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WHY ON EARTH SHOULD I? LISTEN, I'M IN CHARGE HERE!

YOU WHAH?!

OROCHI-MARU IS GONE.

I'VE GOT RESPONSIBIL-ITIES! WHAT ABOUT THE PRISONERS?!

SUIGETSU, GO AND LIBERATE EVERY PRISONER IN THE COMPOUND.

WHA ...

HAA...

YOU AND THAT COMMANDING TONE OF VOICE...

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WHAT DO YOU SAY?

THERE'S NO MORE NEED FOR A WARDEN. YOU DON'T HAVE TO STICK AROUND.

DON'T YOU DARE!

I HAVE NO REASON TO JOIN YOU!

I SAY NO THANKS!

IF YOU'RE NOT INTERESTED, I'LL GO FIND SOMEONE ELSE.

FINE.

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UCHIHA SASUKE DID KILL OROCHIMARU!

YOU GOT IT.

SO ...

YOU GO FREE, OF COURSE.

THEN WHAT HAPPENS TO US?

SURE. YOU DON'T SEE ME LOCKED UP, DO YOU?

WHAT, YOU MEAN IT?

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WE'LL DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT!

FINE BY ME!

I'LL OPEN THE DOOR.

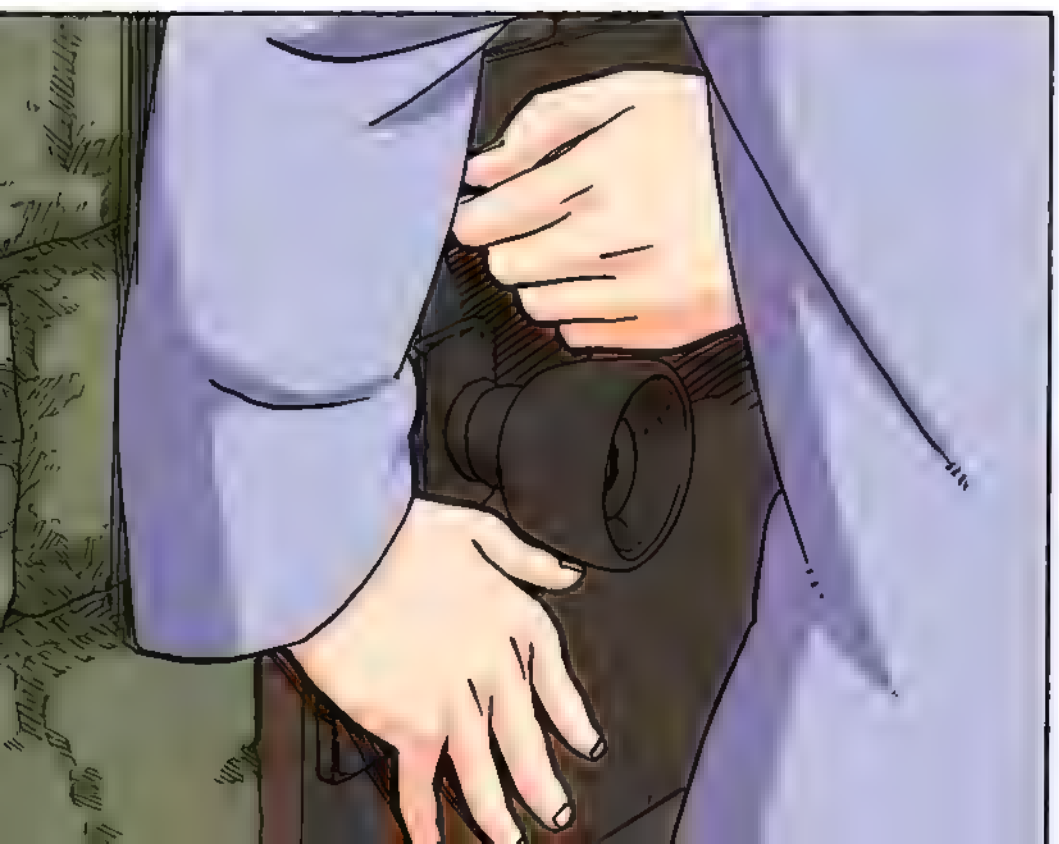
BUT BEFORE I DO, I HAVE ONE FAVOR TO ASK OF ALL OF YOU.

HEE HEE...

"A MAN IS NOW AMONG US WHO WILL BRING STABILITY AND PEACE." YOU GOT THAT?

REMEMBER THAT IT'S SASUKE WHO DEFEATED OROCHIMARU AND FREED US ALL.

WHEN YOU'RE OUT, I WANT YOU TO SPREAD THE WORD. TELL EVERYONE YOU MEET...



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OKAY, I'LL COME ♡

IF YOU REALLY WANT ME TO, SASUKE...

I WILL FOLLOW YOU.

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NO, I'VE PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT INTO THIS.

YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M FED UP WITH GUARDING THIS PLACE ANYWAY.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

ARE YOU ALWAYS THIS IMPULSIVE?

HMPH...

UH OH... THAT HELLCAT HAS LOCKED ME OUT...

SUIGETSU WON'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU... NOT REALLY.

LISTEN... WHY DON'T WE DO THIS ALONE? JUST THE TWO OF US? ♡

HEY... GET BACK.

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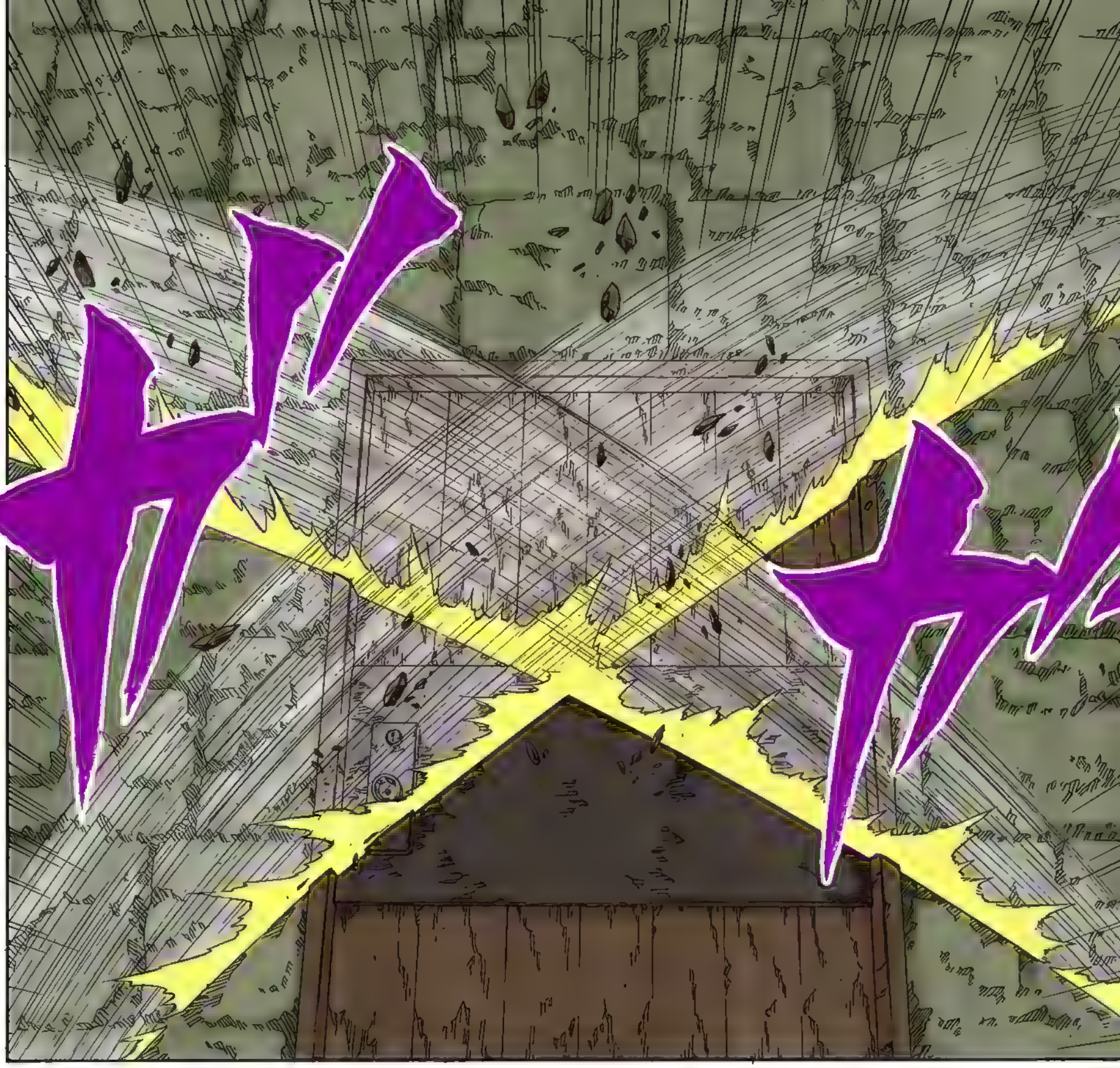

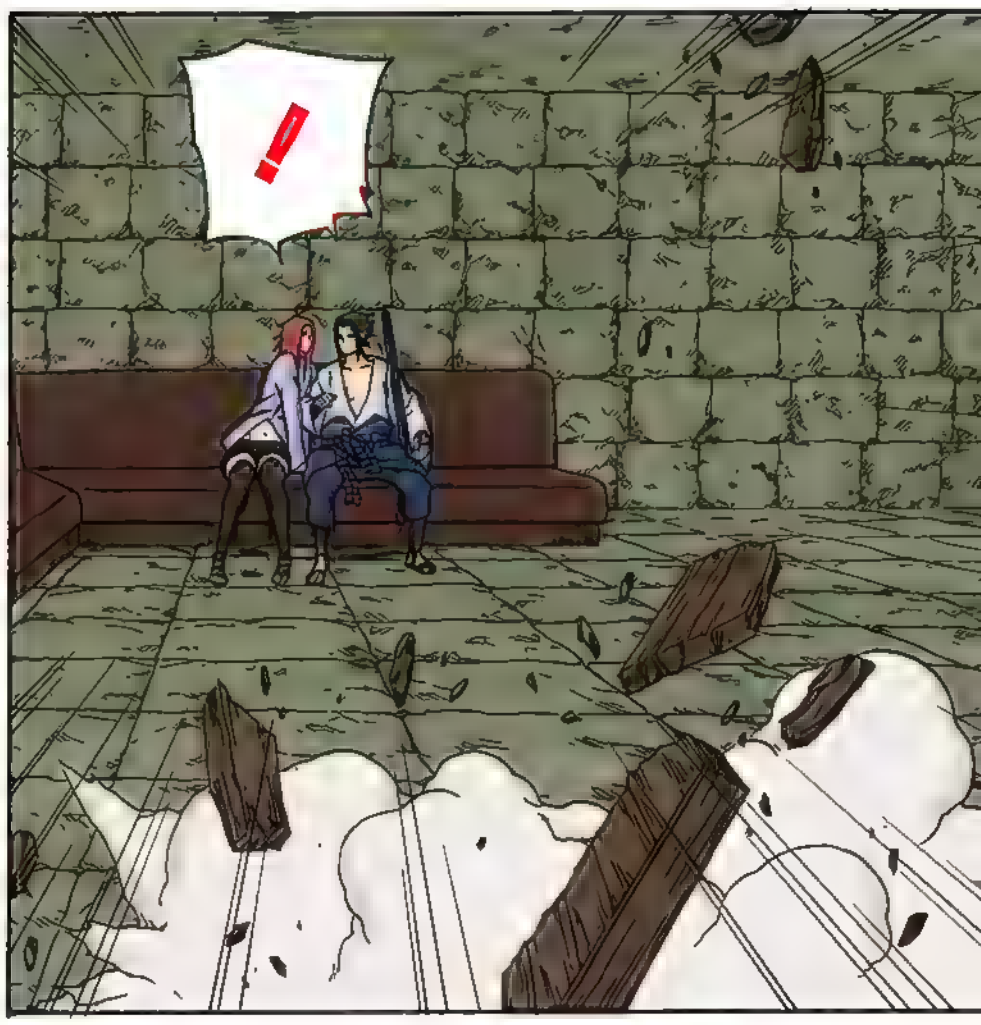

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C'MON, SASUKE. LET'S GO.

I TAKE IT KARIN IS STAYING HERE?

ACT-UAL-LY...

LOOKS LIKE SHE'S COMING AFTER ALL.

WHERE DID YOU GET THAT IDEA?!

I...I JUST HAPPEN TO BE GOING THE SAME WAY... ALONG THE SAME ROAD...

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OH YEAH? WELL, THAT WORKS OUT OKAY.

WE CAN GO HALFWAY, THEN.

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NOW... FOR JUGO.

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SURE. FINE. HALFWAY.

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WELL... WAIT YOU WANNA PIECE OF ME?!

C'MON, THEN!

DOES IT MATTER? IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE JOINING US ANYWAY.

YOU'RE NOT THROW-ING HIM IN?

WHAAAT? JUGO?

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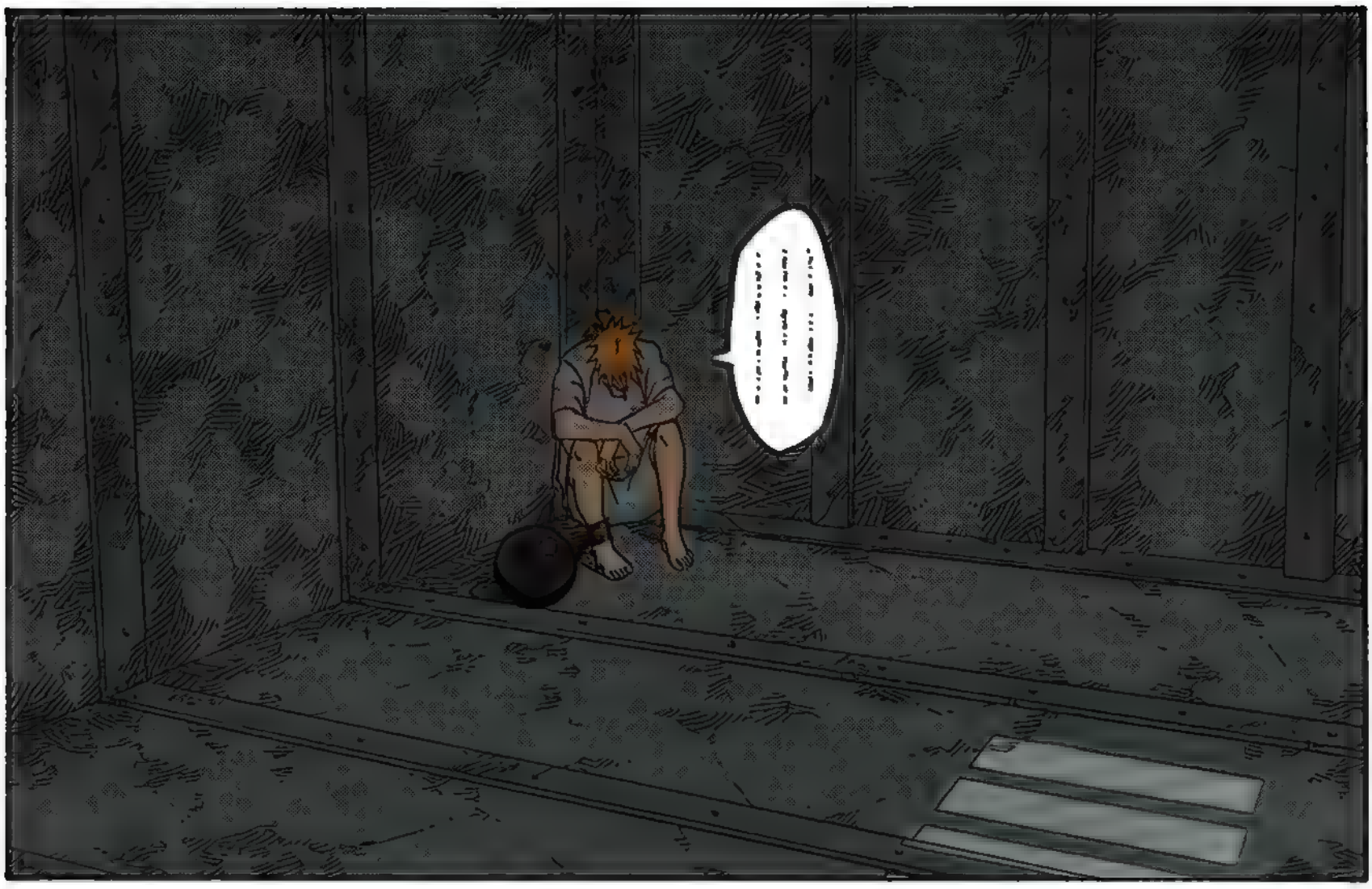

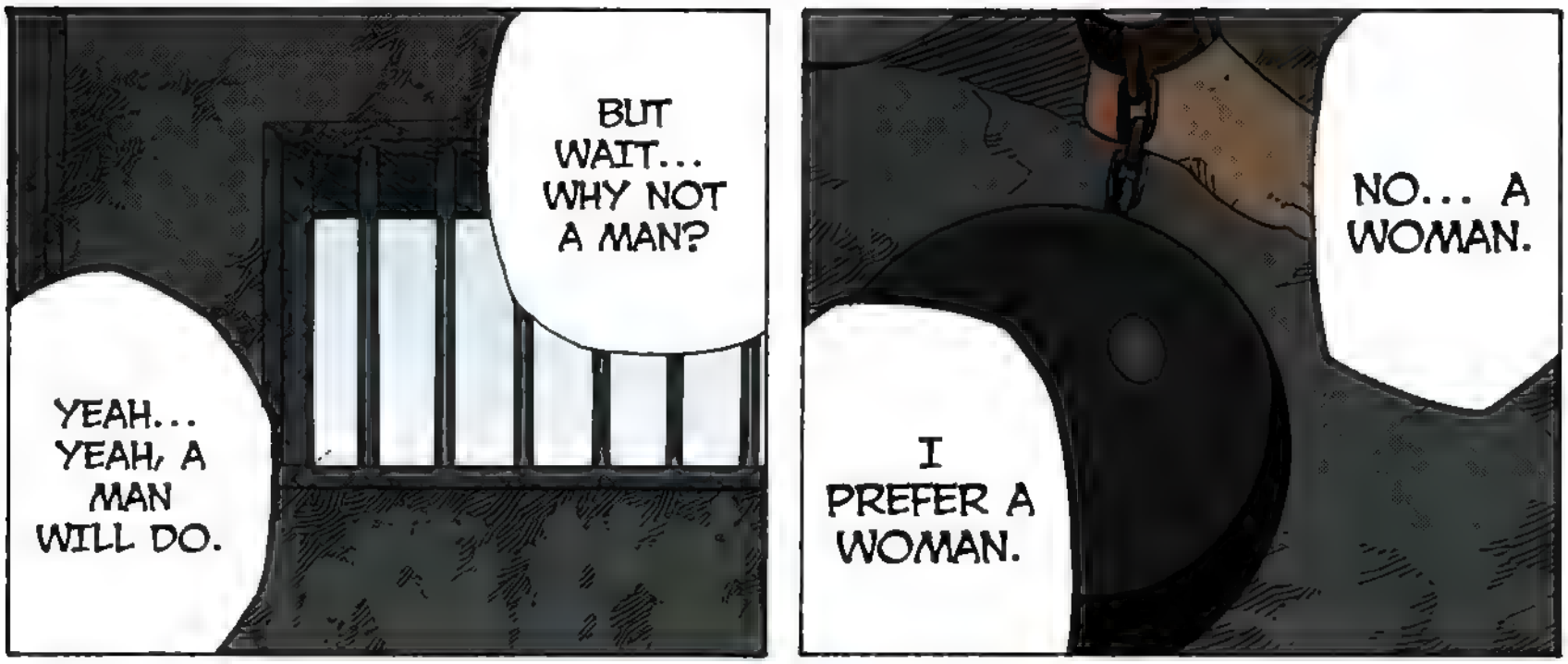

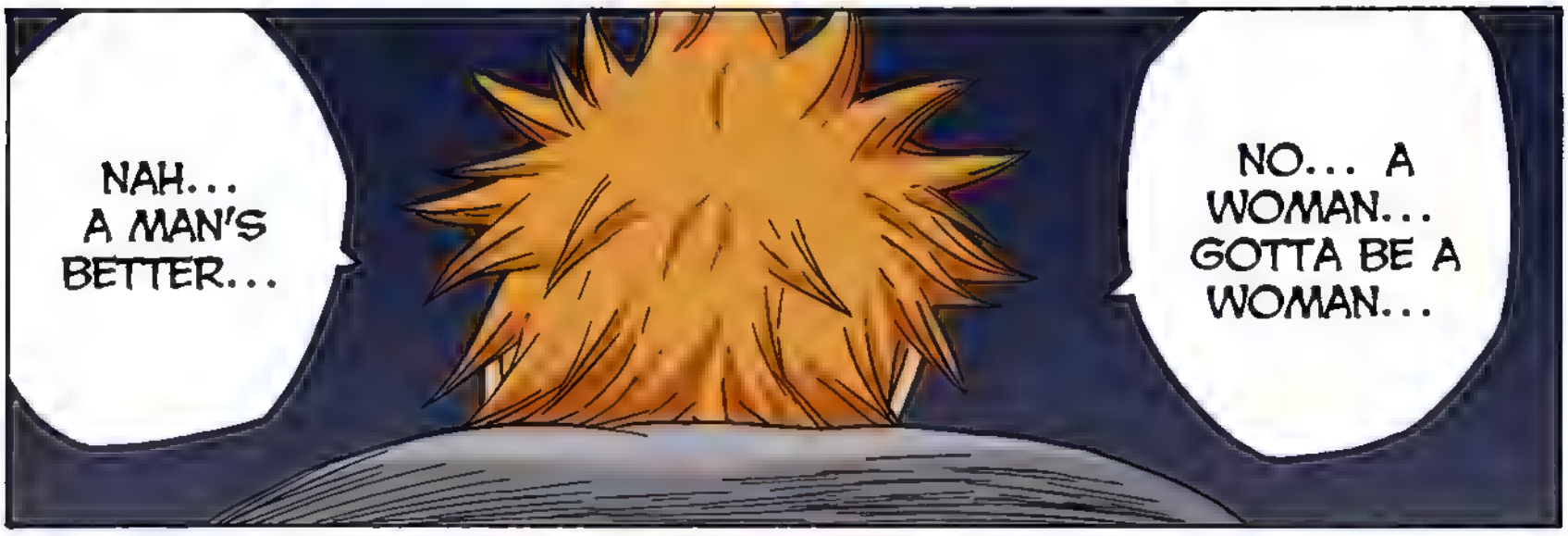

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IF YOU CAN'T EVEN TAKE A LITTLE WALK, YOU'RE DEAD THE MOMENT WE ARRIVE.

GEEZ. YOU KNOW WE'RE GOING TO THE NORTHERN HIDEOUT.

UGH, MORE WALKING? I'M AT THE END OF MY ROPE HERE...

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THE NORTHERN HIDEOUT

THE NORTH-ERN HIDEOUT ISN'T YOUR CONVENTIONAL STRONGHOLD

BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THE PLACE WAS THAT DANGEROUS.

YEAH, I KNOW WHERE IT IS ON THE MAP...

IT'S FOR... WELL ...

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IT'S FULL OF ALL THE MONSTERS THEY PRODUCE THERE.

...HUMAN EXPERI-MENTATION.

A MAN ...

NO... NO, A WOMAN ...

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...WILL BE A MAN... YEAH...

MY NEXT VICTIM ...

HMM ... IT'S BEGUN ...

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GAHHH!!

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TIME FOR A BREAK.

HEY... YOU GOTTA BE TIRED BY NOW.

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DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.

JUST GO ON AHEAD.

AND YOU'VE GOT SOME-WHERE ELSE TO GO.

THE NORTHERN HIDEOUT IS STILL A LONG WAY OFF!

HOW PATHETIC ARE YOU?!

OH BOY ...

SO I DECIDED TO GO THERE FIRST!

WELL, I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I HAD TO DO AT THE NORTHERN HIDEOUT!

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SUIGETSU ...WHY ARE YOU HANGING AROUND WITH SASUKE?

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YOU COULD SAY IT'S A MUTUALLY ADVANTA-GEOUS RELATION-SHIP.

I'VE GOT MY OWN REASONS.

BUT YOU KNOW WHAT JUGO'S LIKE. DO YOU REALLY HOPE TO RECRUIT HIM?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU GUYS ARE AFTER.

BUT HEY, I SHOULD ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION.

BUT I COULD NEVER TELL WHAT HE WAS THINKING, AND I NEVER LIKED HIM.

HE USED SOME INTERESTING POWERS AND WAS PRETTY STRONG.

I WAS FORCED TO FIGHT HIM ONCE.

I KNOW A FEW THINGS ABOUT HIM.

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HE'S A LITTLE BIT DEMENTED.

RUMOR HAS IT HE CAME TO OROCHIMARU OF HIS OWN WILL...

BEATS ME. DIDN'T STRIKE ME AS ALL THAT BRIGHT.

DO YOU KNOW WHY HE CAME TO OROCHI-MARU?

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SO WHY DID HE?

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TO BE FIXED.

YEAH.

THE HIDEOUT IS LIKE A SANCTUARY FOR HIM.

FIXED ?

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HE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT ON HIS OWN.

IT'S... LIKE AN ADDICT-ION, A COMPUL-SION.

WHAT'S HIS PROB-LEM?

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HE WANTS TO CONTROL HIS URGE TO SLAUGHTER.

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NO... YOU DON'T GET IT.

HEH... OH, LOVELY. A HEADCASE WITH THE BLOODLUST. THAT'S JUST WHAT WE NEED.

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WHEN I FOUGHT HIM THOUGH, HE USED A DIFFERENT KIND OF POWER...

HUH. THE THINGS SOME PEOPLE HIDE.

BUT WHEN THEY OVERCOME HIM, HE'S NO LONGER HIMSELF.

HE TURNS INTO A HORRIBLE, DEMONIC THING. HIS LOOKS CHANGE ALONG WITH HIS PERSO-NALITY.

HE CAN USUALLY SUPPRESS HIS BIZARRE URGES.

AND PURIFY THE ENZYME...

WHICH ALLOWED OTHER SHINOBI TO ACHIEVE THE SAME STATE.

OROCHIMARU WAS FASCINATED WITH HIS POWER. THAT'S WHAT LED HIM TO EXTRACT A CERTAIN FLUID FROM JUGO'S BODY...

I'M TALK-ING ABOUT ...

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I'M SURE YOU KNOW WHERE I'M GOING HERE.

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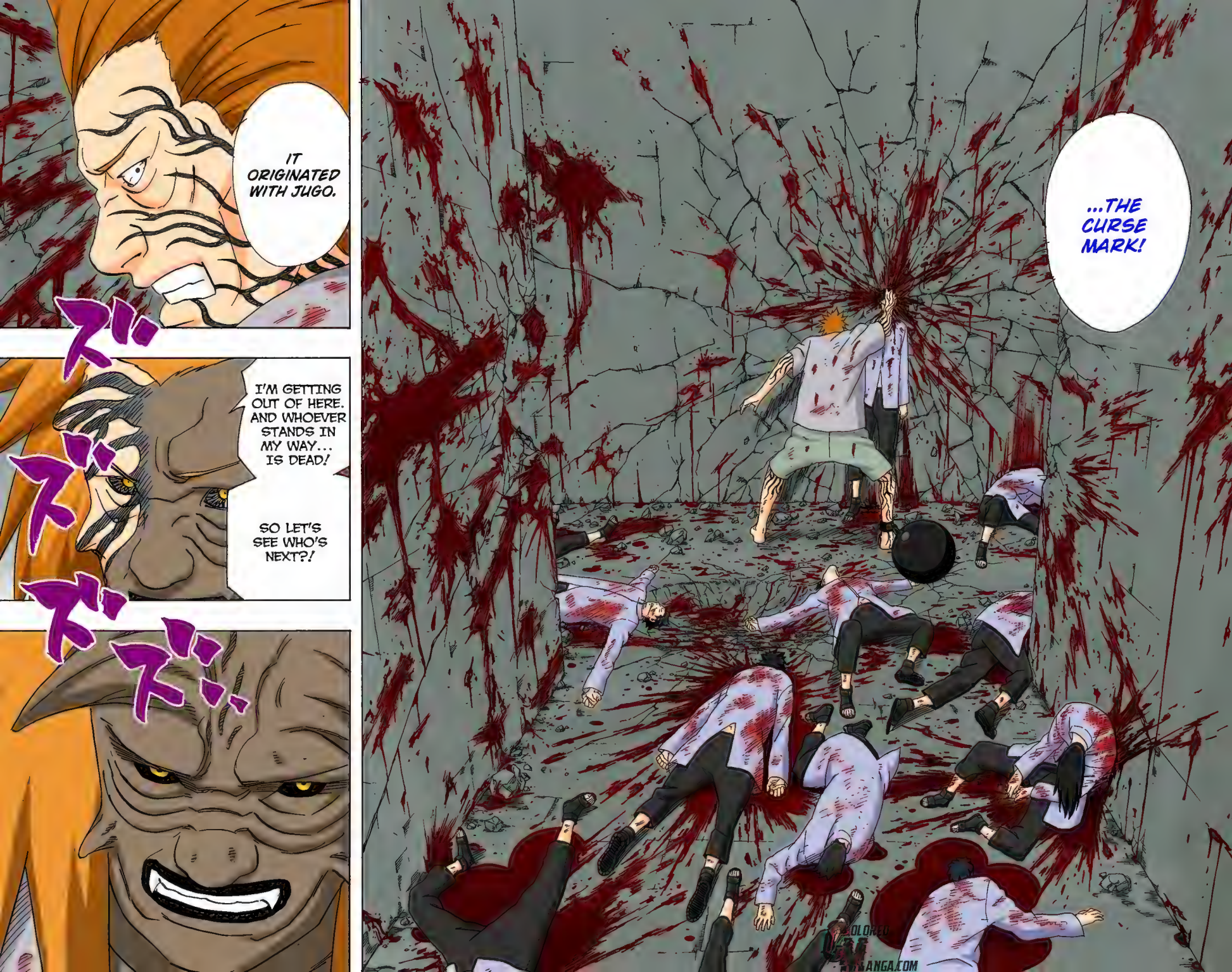
IT ORIGINATED WITH JUGO.
I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE. AND WHOEVER STANDS IN MY WAY... IS DEAD!
SO LET'S SEE WHO'S NEXT?!
...THE CURSE MARK!

SUIGETSU! WE CAN'T KEEP STOPPING ALL THE TIME! COME ON. WE'RE ALMOST THERE!

HEY... HOW ABOUT WE TAKE A BREAK?

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HEY...

WHY DON'T YOU JUST LEAVE IT BEHIND?!

IS IT THAT SWORD? IS IT TOO HEAVY FOR YOU?!

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HELP...

A... ARE YOU... UCHIHA SASUKE?

WHAT HAPP-ENED?

HE'S FROM THE NORTHERN HIDEOUT

HE'S STILL ALIVE.

WHY, WHAT'S GOING ON?

IT STARTED WITH... A RUMOR THAT OROCHI-MARU WAS DEAD.

THE PRISONERS... THEY ALL WENT BERSERK...

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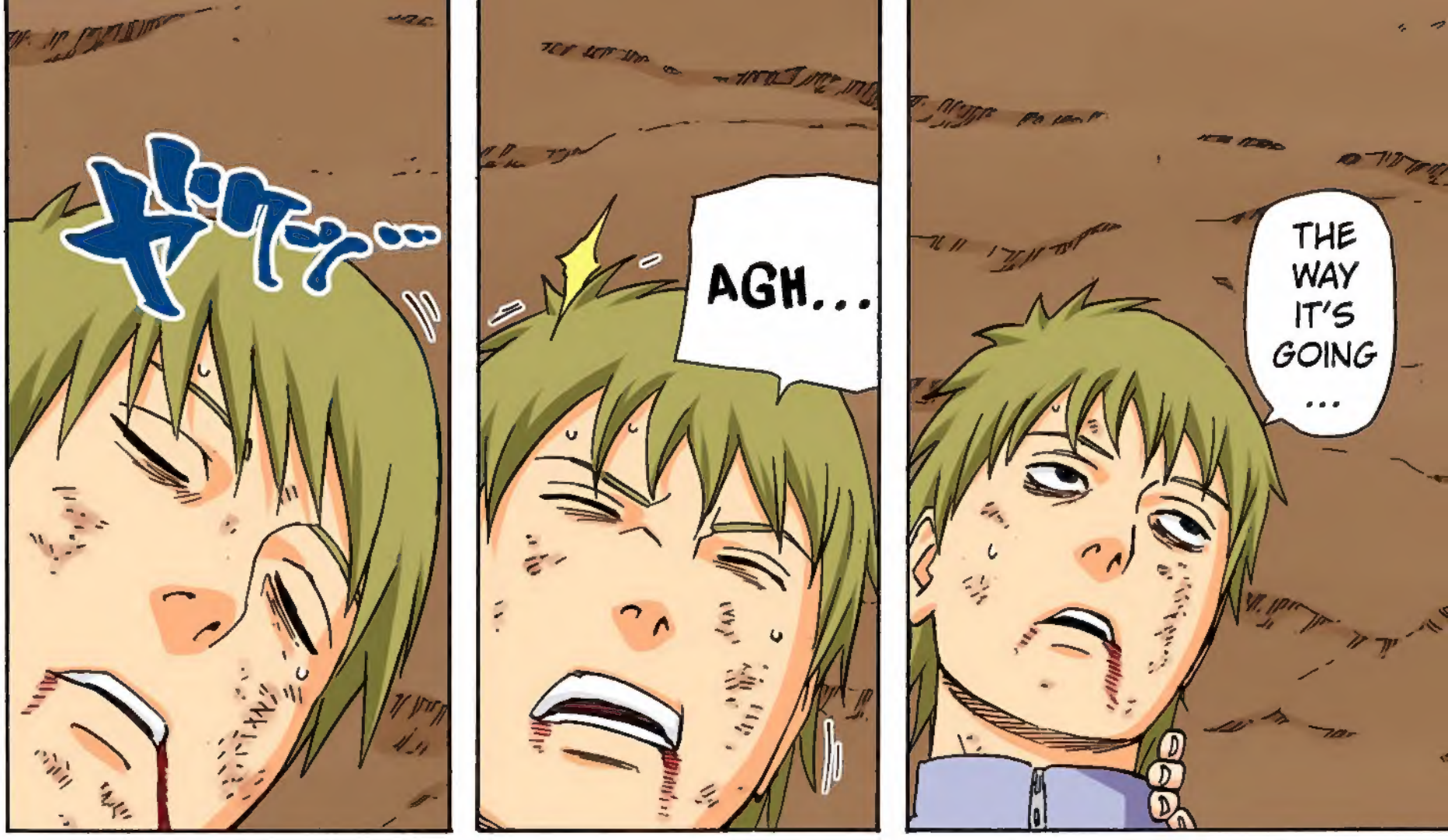
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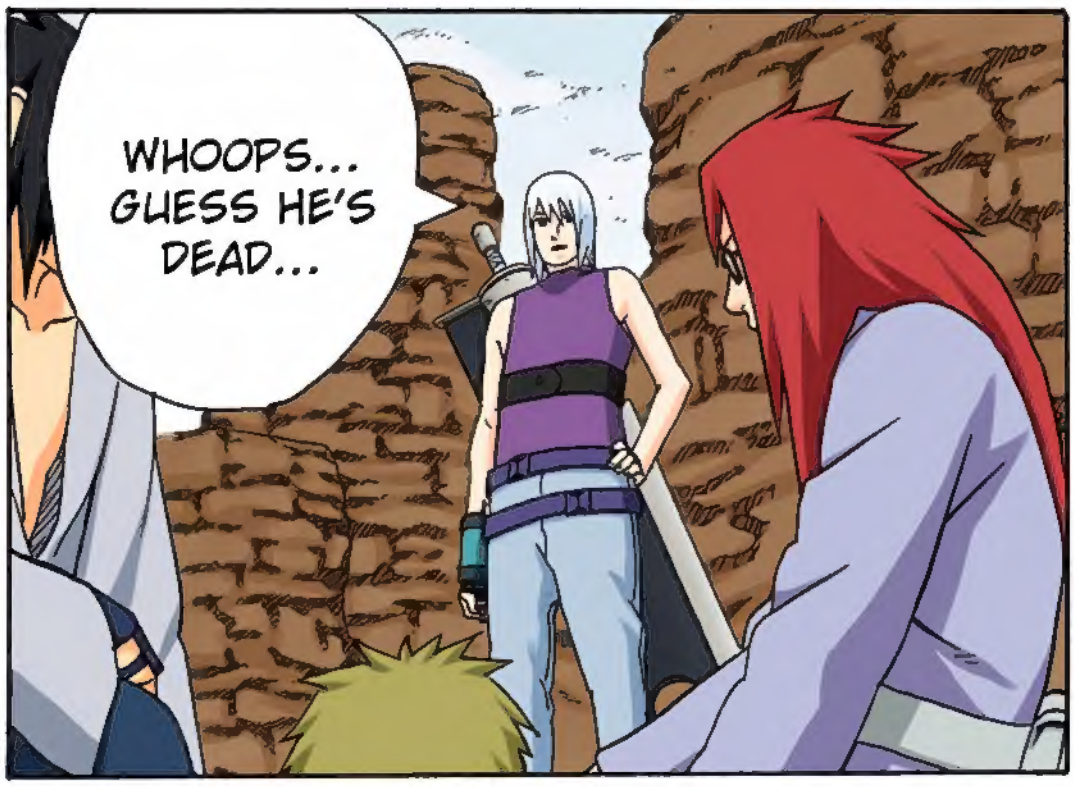
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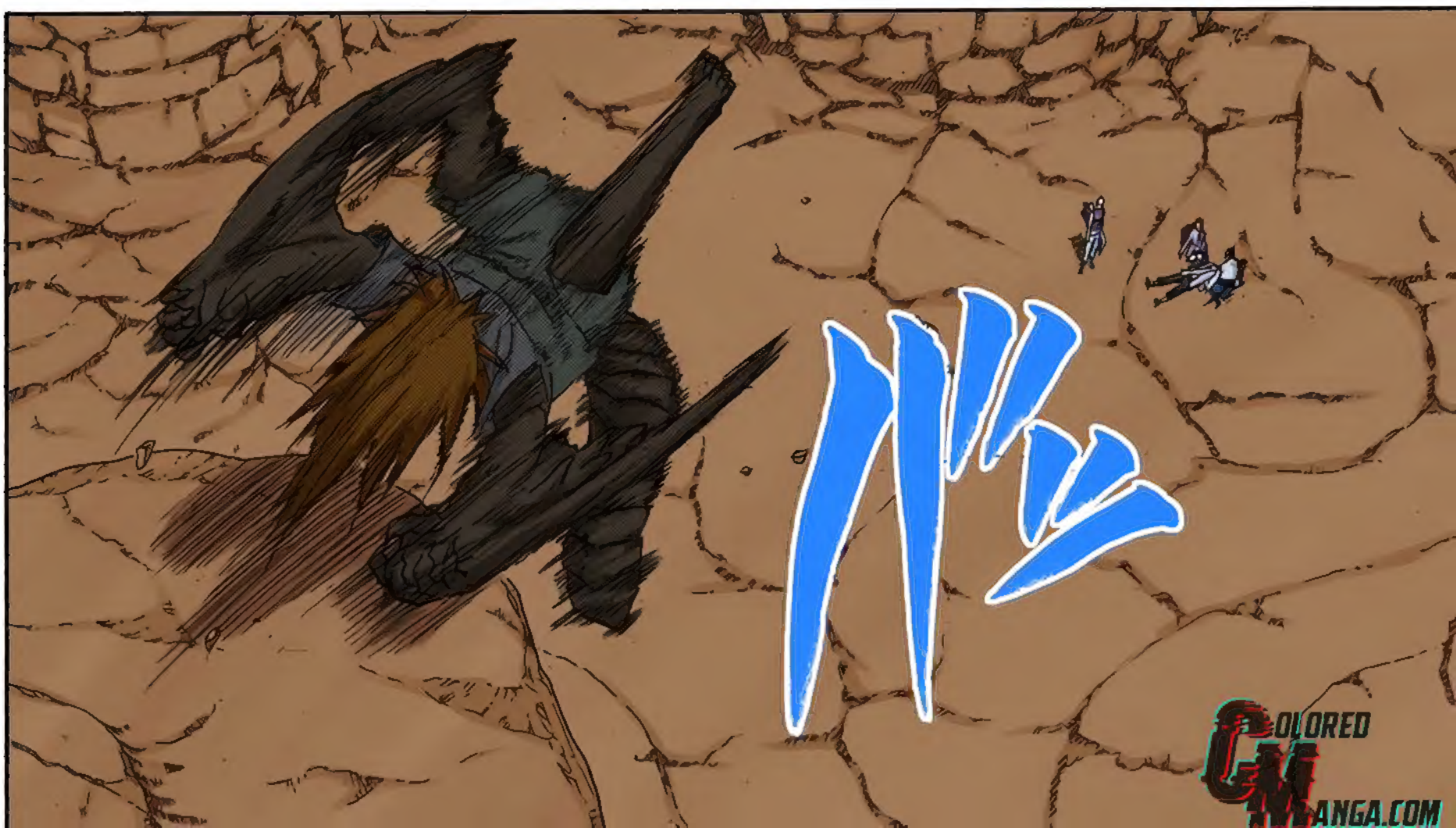
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I KNOW YOU...

WHAT IS THAT THING?

HE'S IN HIS SECOND STATE, BUT ALREADY TRANS-FORMED!

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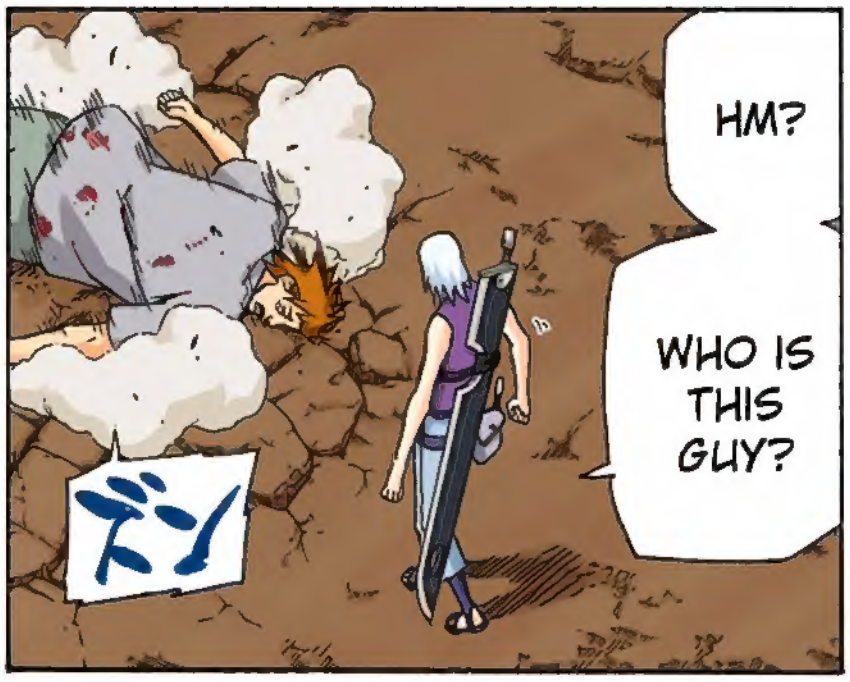

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